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Dedication of the Town Report

Evelyn Noyes

Town Historian

Evelyn Noyes was born in Chester on November 22nd, 1903 to Walter and Carolyn Lane. Except for a short period of time when she lived in Malden, Massachusetts, she has lived in Chester all her life. She was married to Warren Noyes and has three sons Warren, George and Richard.

She was always a very active person, having been a 4-H leader, a ballot clerk at the Town elections, a member of the Ladies Social Circle and a charter member of the Neighborhood and Fortnightly Clubs. In her later years, she was the Sunshine Lady for the church and a member of the Road Naming Advisory Committee.

During World War II, she was a Civil Defense person. One of her duties was to go to the brick schoolhouse on Chester Street and watch for enemy planes.

In January 2006 she became the 23rd recipient of the Boston Post Cane, one of the Town's prestigious awards. The Town's people requested that the cane be awarded to the oldest citizen in town and continuously passed on after they have passed. This was considered a symbol of longevity for the residents of some 400 – 600 towns in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Boston Post had 400 – 600 canes and gave them to the four states to increase the newspapers circulation. There have been 23 people in Chester who have received the cane, starting with John Adams Hazelton. Before 1930 women were not allowed to receive the cane, but since that time two-thirds of the recipients have been women.

Her life has been based upon being kind to others. Whenever anyone needed help, Evelyn was there. Her family now includes three sons, three daughters-in-law, twelve grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, and three great, great grandchildren!

* Thanks to the Noyes Family for their help with this dedication.

Dedication of the Town Report

Urquhart Chinn

Christ School Choirmaster & Town Resident

Urquhart Chinn was born in Pepperell, Massachusetts on February 15th, 1903 the youngest of seven children. His father had served in the English navy and his mother was of Scottish descent and originally from Nova Scotia. His childhood was spent living on a farm in Pepperell where his father was the estate manager.

Urquhart attended the New England Conservatory, and after his earliest jobs, playing for silent movies at age 16 and teaching music at a school in Methuen, in the fall of 1936 he began his 32 year career at Christ School, a private boys school near Asheville, North Carolina as the chapel organist and choirmaster.

When Urquhart started at Christ School there was virtually no choir but over the years his enthusiasm and passion for music made the choir the foremost extracurricular organization on campus and membership became very competitive with auditions to gain one of the thirty-five coveted choir places.

In 1954, under the direction of Urquhart as choirmaster, the Christ School choir performed in front of a large congregation of 550 people in Columbia, South Carolina and on WSOC Television, which broadcast in the surrounding cities of Greenville, Charleston and Augusta. In 1964, the choir also recorded a selection of choral music to raise funds for a new library. The annual Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols around Christmas has become one of Christ School's favorite traditions. Chaplain Boynton introduced the ceremony in 1936 in collaboration with Urquhart; the masters and students take turns to read Bible lessons and tell the Christmas Story and the choir sings in-between the readings.

Upon his retirement Urquhart lived on Old Sandown Road in Chester where he enjoyed a very active life. His daily activities included reading, playing his Chickering studio grand piano, working on crossword puzzles, having an afternoon vodka and tonic sitting in his lawn chair, doing yard work or walking on Old Sandown Road. Urquhart enjoyed driving his car "uptown" to run errands until he was 99 years old! In 2002,Urquhart was the 22nd Chester recipient of the prestigious Boston Post Cane until his untimely passing at age 102 years last December.

* Thanks to Alexandra Hadik, (Mr.Chinn's neighbor and friend), for her help with this dedication and the many friends who miss him.

Town Boards & Committees

Board of Selectmen

Geoffrey Barnett, Chair (2006)
Mike Weider, Vice Chair (2008) • Jerome Gesel (2006)
Stephen O. Landau (2008) • Leroy Scott (2007)

Budget Advisory Committee

Rhonda Lamphere, Chair (2007)
Margaret Voss, Vice Chair (2006) • Richard Bellemore (2006)
Jack Cannon (2006) • Colin Costine (2006)
Andrew Hadik (2006) • Thom LaPorte (2006)
Matt Stover, *ex-officio,* School Board • Mike Weider, *ex-officio,* Board of Selectmen

Cable TV Committee

Hilary Hall, Chair • Bob Grimm, Co-Chair
Richard Godfrey • Marge Godfrey • Lenny Stein
Barbara King

Civil Defense / Emergency Management

Scott St.Clair

Conservation Committee

Charles Myette, Chair
Greg Lowell, Secretary • Baron Richardson, Treasurer
Andrew Jeans • Camilla Lockwood • David Rand
Mike Weider, Board of Selectmen

Exeter River Local Advisory Committee

Camilla Lockwood • Greg Lowell

Forest Fire Warden

Stephen Tunberg, Forest Fire Warden

Deputy Fire Wardens

Rich Antoine · Jack Cadieux
Ken LeClair · Bruce McLaughlin · Ted Scott

Great Hill Cemetery Trustees

James Barker (2008) · C. F. Haley (2010)
Clifford Milsap (2009) · Robert Quimby (2007)

Health Officer

Darrell F. Quinn

Highway Safety Committee

Cynthia J. Robinson · Alfred J. Wagner, Police Department Representative
Colin Costine, Fire Department Representative · Gene Charron, State Representative
Mike Weider, Board of Selectmen · Rob Brown, Road Agent
Christopher Atwood, School Board · Colonel Richardson D. Benton, Honorary Member
Arvin Congleton · Charlotte Lister

Library

Melissa Rossetti, Library Director
Jane Hanson · Emily Heuer
Mary Jennings · Marilyn Rossetti · Shannon Russo

Library Trustees

Mary Beth Ditoro, Chair (2006) · Linda Heuer, Treasurer (2007)
Kandace Knowland, Secretary (2008) · Peter Leccese (2006)
Deb Munson (2008)

Planning Board

Richard Snyder, Chair
Maureen Lein, Vice Chair · Andrew Hadik
Camilla Lockwood · Evan Sederquest · Scott Rice (alternate)
Mike Weider, *ex-officio*, Board of Selectmen
Cynthia J. Robinson, Planning Coordinator

Recreation Board

Ed Karjala, Chair
Bill Lonergan, Vice Chair · Bill Chirgwin · Linda Royce
Shayne Marshall, Recreation Coordinator

Recycling / Solid Waste Committee

Andrew Hadik
Bonnie & Lloyd Healey · Barbara King
Stephen O. Landau, Board of Selectmen

Road Name Advisory Committee

Judith Balk, Chair
Ann Parnell, Vice Chair · Colin Costine
Greg Lowell
John Colman, *ex-officio* · Evelyn Noyes, *ex-officio*
Camilla Lockwood, Planning Board Representative

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

David J. Preece AICP, Executive Director

Supervisors of the Checklist

Diana Charron (2011) · Barbara Hatch (2010) · Karl Knudsen (2008)

Spring Hill Farm Trustees

Brad Wamsley, Chair
Patty Murray, Treasurer · Lynn Jackson
Charles Myette, Conservation Committee Representative
Stephen O. Landau, Board of Selectmen

Strategic Land Protection Committee

Andrew Hadik · Charles Myette
Jennifer Sullivan · Web Anderson

Town Fair

Hilary Hall · Vaughn McGillen· Melissa Rossetti

Tree Warden

Cynthia J. Robinson

Trustee of Trust Funds

Linda Elliott (2007) · Margaret Tully (2008)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Jean Methot, Chair (2007) · Robert Crawford, Vice Chair (2007)
Kevin Scott (2006) · Billie Maloney
Charlotte Lister
Rick Snyder, Planning Board Representative (2007)
Janet Boyden, Administrative Assistant

Village Cemetery Trustees

David Hoffman (2009) · Mel Balk (2006)

Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust Fund Trustees

Tina Butterfield (2009)
Dianna Charron (2010) · Barbara Dollof (2006)
Lisa Oleson (2007) · Cynthia Tunberg (2008)

Town Officials

Elected Town Officials

Moderator
Michael Scott `06

Assistant Moderator
Andrew Hadik '06

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Barbara Gagnon `08

Treasurer
Don Parnell `08

Road Agent
Robert Brown `07

Town Department Officials

Acting BoS Administrative Assistant
Sarah Scanlan

Assessing
Jean Packard

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement
John Gilcreast

Deputy Tax Collector
Linda Mansur

Emergency Management Director
Scott St. Clair

Finance
Carol Sheehan

Fire Chief
Stephen Tunberg

Police Chief
Alfred J. Wagner

Acting Health & Welfare Administrator
Barbara Dolloff & Marjorie Gould

Honorary Appointments

Consulting Engineer & Maintenance Supervisor of the Town Chronometer
Scott St. Clair

Inspector of Grist Mills, Factories & Sawmills
Raymond Dolloff

Keeper of Jacob Chase Horse Block
Barbara Hutchinson

Keeper of the Town Pound
George Chaperon · Gladys Nicoll

Sealer of Weights & Measure
Robert Dollof · Robert Buelte

Surveyor of Wood, Bark & Lumber
Leroy Noyes

Town Historian
Evelyn Noyes

Representative to the General Court
Gene Charron

Executive Summary

Board of Selectmen

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The Citizens of the Town of Chester

Change – some of us embrace it, some of us fear it, but the reality is that change is sometimes inevitable. Many changes took place in Chester during this fiscal year. The Board of Selectmen believes that those changes will have a positive impact on our community's infrastructure and that the changes and recommendations introduced will allow us to move the Town forward into the 21st Century. An internal audit performed by the Local Government Center has brought about new light to some of our old ways of operation. The Board of Selectmen are looking into upgrading some of these procedures for our staff, which will give a clear and precise way to expedite questions about finances, budgeting, legal advice and services that are needed in our Town. The Local Government Center is expanding services, which we fully intend to take advantage of. These new services will allow years of experience to point us in the right direction for a more smoothly and more efficiently run Town.

Last year the Board of Selectmen contracted with a new auditing firm, Mason & Rich, from Concord. With its direction Lenny Gallant, a semi-retired accountant with non-profit, business and government experience, took on GASB 34 (Government Accounting System Board- Rule 34) and completed it so that the Town could be compliant by the time Mason & Rich had completed their audit. GASB will be able to keep track of all the fixed assets of the Town from computers to roads. Having a new bookkeeper, Carol Sheehan, has helped tremendously in updating the Town's bookkeeping methods. This has had a great effect on speeding up our payment program and answering audit questions.

During this fiscal year the Town approved a $2.1 million road bond that has been utilized to repair Towle Road Bridge as well as grind and pave Candia Road and Towle Road. The remaining bond money (approximately $193,000) will be used to finish Lane Road, Shepherd Home Road, Fremont Road and Tenny Farm Road. The State of New Hampshire will be finishing the repairs to Hanson Road Bridge.

The Town purchased an all seasons plow / dump truck in 2005 that has proven to be much more cost effective than contracting or renting equipment for the Highway Department. The truck was a carefully considered purchase made upon the advice of the Truck Search Committee who spent many hours compiling and comparing the prices and type of equipment needed to produce a reliable truck for the Town. The Board of Selectmen would like to thank the Truck Search Committee of Kevin Scott, Dick Bellemore, Colin Costine and their Board liaison Mike Weider for their time and effort. With care and attention this truck should last the Town for many years.

The new assessing evaluation has started and will continue until next year. If questions arise please contact Jean Packard in the Assessing Office on (603) 887-4045 or Scott March from MRI. (MRI is the support group that the Town has contracted with for the reevaluations.)

The Fire Department has hired its first full-time firefighter – Captain Richard Antoine. Captain Antoine has been a great addition and we wish him the best of luck. Our Police Department has also hired a new part-time officer - Wayne Ingersoll, who will be carrying some of the Police Department load.

We would like to thank the Mother's Club for patiently waiting while a space was prepared at Wason Pond for the Eagle's Nest Play Area. During late fall in the midst of downpours, Dan Landau, an Eagle Scout and a resident of Chester for some 21 years, involved his college engineering fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, in setting up the sonar tubes to create the nest. Just before winter, Boy Scouts Chris Wilson, Aaron Landau, Mike Olszewski and Selectman Landau poured the cement. Early this spring Dan Landau's fraternity returned along with Aaron Landau, 9 year-old Jacob Weider, Selectmen Weider and Selectmen Landau to put in the bark mulch bed. The Fund Raising Committee put together funds for the new ice-skating rink and basketball area. With Gregsak Engineering on site, this project should be completed in the spring.

This year there was a family in need with a sick child in the Town. By banding together the Chester Fire Department, Chester Brownies, Chester Boy Scouts and other groups, raised a substantial amount of money to assist with this family's financial needs. This is a great example of what the community spirit of the Town of Chester offers its residents.

In January the Board of Selectmen were able to award the Boston Post Cane, one of the Town's prestigious awards, to Evelyn Noyes. The cane was found and returned to the town's people of Lee, MA. The Town's people requested that the cane be awarded to the oldest citizen in town and continuously passed on after they have passed. This was considered a symbol of longevity for residents of some 400 – 600 towns in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Boston Post had 400 – 600 canes and gave them to the four states to increase their circulation. There have been 23 people in Chester who have received the cane, starting with John Adams Hazelton. Before 1930 women were not allowed to receive the cane, but since that time two-thirds of the recipients have been women.

As the Town grows so does the list of necessary repairs to our buildings. We will need to replace the furnace at the Town Hall this year and if all of us are fiscally prudent we should be setting aside money for a CIP fund for the replacement of the Multi-Purpose Room furnace and floor. The Board of Selectmen will be setting aside time this year to set up goals for the Town which will let us forecast future expenses for the increasing number of repairs needed within the Town. We are fortunate to have many buildings, facilities and parcels of land. As the Town grows, more wear and tear is experienced by these facilities. The Board of Selectmen believes that it is better to repair and maintain these facilities rather than allow them to fall into disrepair.

This year the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen have worked well together going over each department's budget making increases and decreases where necessary for a better-funded budget in 2006 – 2007. The Board of Selectmen hopes that all the currently appointed budget committee members will consider running for re-election.

During the upcoming year the Board of Selectmen will be setting up a detailed layout of the back four classrooms in the Town Hall. We will be able to provide small offices for our smaller

boards / committees and three larger future offices or boardrooms. One of the Town Hall's greatest needs is to have more parking spaces. With recreation use on the rise, more use in the multi-purpose room, Town Meetings, School District Meetings, Elections, Board Meetings and Public Hearings we will need to make more parking available by making a new parking lot in the rear of the old junior high wing. Selectmen Barnett and Landau have already started to look into the different options available for this project.

The Town's employee policy will need upgrading this year to set out new rules and regulations so that the employee's receive the direction that is needed. After reading the Auditors Report we will be making new Town wide policies, which will facilitate better accounting for the Town and all the Town Boards.

Before closing your Selectmen would like to thank all the volunteers on all the boards, commissions and committees, who, along with all the Town employees, have devoted so much time and effort into making Chester such a great place in which to live and may that never change.

Respectfully,

Geoffrey Barnett, Chairman Board of Selectmen

Mike Weider, Vice Chair

Jerome Gesel

Stephen O. Landau

Leroy G. Scott

Official Town Election

May 10th, 2005

The Town of Chester election for officers and zoning amendments was held on Tuesday May 10th, 2005. The election was held at the Chester Multi-Purpose Room. The polls were opened at 8:00am. Moderator Michael Scott officially closed the polls at 7:00pm.

Article #1 To choose all necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year.

The results of the election were as follows:

Selectman for 3 years:

Stephen O. Landau – 562

Aaron E. Mansur – 227

Michael A. Weider – 638

Buck Castora (write-in) – 82

Selectmen for 2 years:

David E. Mansur – 224

Leroy G. Scott – 483

Buck Castora (write-in) – 103

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

Barbara L. Gagnon – 838

Charlotte Lister – 126

Town Treasurer:

Donald Parnell – 494

Road Agent:

Robert Brown – 540

Dick Bellemore – 479

Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years:

Dianna Charron – 837

Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years:

Karl Knudsen – 795

Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years:

Margaret M. Tully – 801

Trustee of the Trust Funds for 2 years:

Linda Elliott – 780

Library Trustee:

Raymond Anderson – 349

Kandace Knowlton – 485

Deborah J. Munson – 507

Great Hill Cemetery Trustee:

Fred (Flip) Healey Jr. – 832

Wilcomb – Townsend Trustee

Dianna Charron – 778

Article #2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #_1_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to allow future subdivision in the Town of Chester to be creatively designed so that new homes are located in the landscape in a way that reduces sprawl and protects the natural resources and rural character of Chester as readily developable land decreases in Chester, traditional subdivision methods are less likely to preserve the natural resources and rural character of the town.

Amend: By deleting in their entirety Article 6 – Cluster Development and Article 7 – Incentive System for Low-Moderate Income Cluster Housing and replace with the new Article 6 – Open Space Subdivision whose purpose is to allow future development in such a way as to reduce sprawl and protect natural resources and rural character and allow for incentives to build senior and low income units. Renumber subsequent Articles.

Purpose: To add terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: By adding terms to Article 2 – Definitions that are related to Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To accommodate terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: Change certain terms in Section 5.3.2 Permitted Uses to accommodate terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To accommodate changes relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: Table 1 by changing and/or deleting certain terms, distances, area or Article.

Yes 266/No 726. Article #2 fails

Article #3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #_2_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: This amendment adds definitions and buffers/setbacks that bring the ordinance up to current standards and is intended to help reduce the adverse effects of human activities on wetlands and surface water.

Amend: Section 5.6 Wetland District Ordinance by adding 5.6.2 Definitions and 5.6.8 Buffers/Setbacks and Mitigation Measures which are intended to reduce the adverse effects of human activities on wetlands and surface water.

Yes 341/No 649. Article #3 fails.

Article #4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #_3_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To create a new limited commercial/light industrial zone to replace the area lost in the existing commercial zone and provide for businesses that will increase tax revenue without adding to the school system.

Amend: By creating a new Limited Commercial/Light Industrial Zone (C1) along Dump Road and Route 102 to the Raymond/Chester T/L and along Dump Road southwesterly 800 feet.

Yes 677/No 298. Article #4 carries.

Article #5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #_4_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To comply with the Federal Emergency Management Agency requirement that all towns in the Flood Insurance Program adopt the most recent flood rate maps otherwise the town cannot participate in the flood insurance program.

Amend: By replacing the existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated 9/30/02 with the new Flood Insurance Rate maps dated 5/17/05.

Yes 760/No 213. Article #5 carries.

Before moving onto other articles Michael Scott said that there were some announcements from the Board of Selectmen.

Steph Landau announced that under the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration there is a property tax relief form for low to moderate-income individuals. This form is available on the Internet and at the Town Clerk's office. If there is anyone in town who thinks that they fall into this category they should look into this.

Geoff Barnett read a statement from the Board of Selectmen. "It has come to our attention that there is concern over several letters that were sent during the election season. The Board of Selectmen is aware of questions and concerns regarding all of these letters. We intend, when a full Board is seated, that we will review these issues with respect to Town, State, and Federal Regulations with any and all necessary parties. Town Meeting is neither the forum, or permits time to resolve any questions that will arise. We would request that any questions be brought to a regularly scheduled Board meeting."

Article #6 To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees of Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

There were no reports that needed to be brought before the town.

Maureen Lein made a motion to move Article #22 ahead of Article #7. The motion was seconded. All in favor.

Article #22 To see if the town will adopt the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law, RSA 32:14, and create an official budget committee. If the vote of the town is in the affirmative, the budget committee shall consist of 7 members at large. Pursuant to RSA 32:15, III, the moderator shall appoint members meeting the statutory qualifications to serve until the next annual meeting, following which the members shall be elected to staggered terms in accordance with RSA 32:15, II.

After the article is read and discussed the voting will be kept open for one hour. The article was moved to the floor and seconded.

Andrew Hadik, 135 Chester Street, is a member of the Budget Advisory Committee. He informed the people on what the official budget committee would do. An official budget committed would assist voters in prudent appropriation of public funds. Governing bodies and managers are responsible for providing any information the budget committee wants in such detail as the budget committee may require. But the law makes it clear that the budget committee's review of current expenditures is only for the purpose of preparing future budgets. The budget committee cannot dispute or challenge current expenditures. If the bottom line is overspent or the expenditures are not properly entered and classified, the budget committee will petition the Superior Court for removal of the responsible officials. In budget committee towns and districts all offices/departments are required to submit statements of estimated expense and receipts to the governing body first. The governing body then submits it's own recommendation to the budget committee at a time set by the budget committee. The budget committee also has the authority to request statements from department heads and other offices.

Andrew said that if the budget committee prepares a budget that the Board of Selectmen do not agree with then at town Meeting the voters authorize the appropriation, which has to be within 10% of the budget committee's appropriation. If the budget exceeds that amount by more than 10% the DRA will start with the last money articles passed at Town Meeting and discount them until the budget that the voters pass is within 10% of what the budget committee recommended. It is Andrew's personal opinion that the Town of Chester really needs an official budget committee. He feels it will give the voters in town a lot more control.

Bob Knapps asked if he had heard correctly that the courts would be involved? Andrew answered that he referenced the Supreme Court's position, which was established in 1963. Andrew said it's his understanding that if the bottom line of the budget was overspent or if expenditures were not properly entered the budget committee may petition the court for removal of responsible officials.

Bob Knapps feels that the town should not put itself in the position that the courts have any say over what happens in town. He asked the people, "Would you rather have the courts run this country? Or would you run it yourself?" He said if the people value freedom of speech and freedom of government they will not allow the courts to have any part of government.

Charlotte Lister sat in the budget hearing and said that she saw people that were outraged. The budget committee has stated very bluntly that they are an independent board and that their loyalty is to the people of Chester. She feels that Chester has reached a point where we need this.

Andrew Hadik said as easily as the town could vote in an official budget committee they could vote it out. It is his personal opinion that if the town establishes an official budget committee it wouldn't need to hire an $85,000 town administrator.

Maureen Lein asked if the budget committee would be appointed before next year's budget cycle. Mike Scott said he understands that to be true.

Dianna Charron was on the budget committee for 17 years. In recent years she's noticed that everyone is fighting and arguing during the budget process. She feels that the town needs a vehicle to move onto another step in the growth of the town.

Mike Romick has been on the Budget Advisory Committee for 3 years. He told the people that the budget process has been brutal. The budget hearings went until 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning just to be able to get the information they needed to try to get good information to the people in the town. He supports the official budget committee but added that if we clear up the issue in a couple of years he'll support going back to the Budget Advisory Committee.

Dennis Maloney was a member of the Board of Selectmen from 1985 to 1991. At that time he felt that the town did not need a budget committee "because the town had control over its finances and knew where it's money was". But this year he attended one of the first budget hearings and he was appalled to find out that the Budget Advisory Committee was working with numbers that showed expenditures from November of 2004 when the meeting was in March of 2005. He said that he had read the Budget Advisory Committee's report and the auditor's report and he feels that the town's finances are in shambles. He supports this article. The town has grown and he feels the Board of Selectmen and the budget committee should work together to make Chester a better town.

Steph Landau explained that it bothers him that the DRA would have to approve expenditures. He said that he has no problem with the Budget Advisory Committee but he is afraid of more government. In the 3 years Steph has been on the Board he saw the previous auditor once. When the Board asked the past auditing firm about becoming compliant with GASB 34 they were given a thick book. He said that the Board of Selectmen is in the process of retaining a new auditing firm. They met with a representative from that firm on Monday night and were told that if the Board does not want to be in compliance with GASB 34 that firm would not be willing to work for the town. Steph has said that he would not support a municipal budget committee and the main reason is that, as Andrew Hadik said, DRA has the final say. He cannot see giving his money to the state to handle.

Colin Costine has been serving on the budget committee for 20 years with the exception of the 9 years he was on the Board of Selectmen. He said the budget process used to be an easy process. The town has grown. If the budget had been complete and the Budget Advisory Committee had all the information they needed it would still not be a bad process, according to Colin. But he said the process has gone from "real, real bad to a whole lot worse". The budget hearing had to be continued to 4 nights this year. The Budget Advisory Committee is not looking for extra power by creating an official budget committee. Colin feels that the budget committee's assistance in the budget would get the town's business done as well as possible with the least amount of money possible.

Lorie Steiger is the current town treasurer. She said all of the town's money is accounted for. We know where the money is. She said the official budget committee would allow for a lot of micro managing. The Budget Advisory Committee can ask for any report at any time. They

have access to a lot of information. Lorie gives reports to the Selectmen every month. Each month the books are audited and balanced. She feels that as demands become greater volunteers will walk away and burn out. The town is relying on volunteers to do a lot of work and because of the amount of work involved these volunteers will burn out. She feels that we need to try and work this out. She doesn't think that putting a person in charge of everyone and dictating every department's budget is a good thing.

Andrew Hadik said that the committee is only for the purpose of preparing future budgets. It cannot dispute current expenditures. There will be no micro managing. It gives the budget committee the ability to request information from department heads if information is not forthcoming from the Selectmen. Andrew pointed out that the budget committee would be for the town budget as well as for the school budget. He stated again that the only time the courts would be involved as a last resort if there's a problem. Right now the people on the Budget Advisory Committee are appointed. With the official budget committee the control will be given to the townspeople because they will elect the budget committee members.

Bob Grimm has been on the school board for 6 years. Over the years the budget committee and school board have worked well together for the most part. The way this position is set up the budget committee reviews the budget then submits a budget with what they think it should be. Then the voters have the final decision at town meeting or school district meeting. An official budget committee is pulling the control away from the voters, in his opinion. If the voters don't like the way the selectmen or the school board is spending the money they come to the meeting to express themselves.

Mat Stover said that the power that the budget committee would have will come from the voters. He said if the Selectmen trust the voters to elect them, then the Selectmen should trust the voters to elect the budget committee. He said that the town report does not have all the information that the budget statutes of the state require to be in that report. He said that the unexpended general fund is like a rainy day fund. 2 years ago the town had over $700,000 in that fund. According to the auditor the town now has less than $67,000 in that fund. He said this is not under control. He said the main thing this budget committee would do would give the town some professionalism, accuracy, and discipline. He said that the DRA is already involved in the town's finances. He said the people are able to vote for a 0% increase or a 200% increase over prior year's budget.

Steph Landau stood to question the moderator on a point of order and said the town's attorney noted that something Mat said was not accurate. Gordon Graham said that the statute does limit the amount of increase that this body can vote over what the budget committee recommends to the amount of 10%.

Mat Stover said he stands corrected on that one point. He said that the town deserves accurate information and under the current situation they're not receiving that. With an official budget committee would give the town the opportunity to elect people with expertise to have control over the process so that it would take less time and less effort to get accurate information so the town can make informed decisions about how to spend the town's money. He added that courts would be involved only if laws were not followed.

Jack Cannon lives on Fiddlehead Lane. He said that the fundamental issue seems to be the need for the ability to obtain data. He asked, "What will a part time group that is appointed today do differently to create and maintain accurate data?"

Charlotte Lister said she thinks there will be a lot less burnout with this because the budget committee will be able to insist on accurate information.

Maureen Lein's personal feeling is that anybody can request reports at any time. The books should be in a condition that would support justification of getting a report in a timely fashion.

Rob Brown stated his name but said that he is not Rob Brown the road agent. He said that if the town's finances were in shambles the annual report from the auditor would reflect that. The town's finances are not "in shambles"; there is an accounting method discrepancy between what is accepted and what is required. He said there are only about 2 towns in the state that are following GASB.

Mat Stover stood to question the moderator on a point of order. The auditor indicated at the Selectmen's meeting on Monday night that his firm has 50 clients. Mike Scott interrupted to say that wasn't a point of order and asked Mat to return to his seat.

Rob Brown concluded his remarks by saying that if the town wanted a budget committee for access to numbers, "so be it". It could be about being able to remove Selectmen or about increases. But Rob said, "Don't you wonder what is really behind it when they have to use a hyperbole and say the numbers are in shambles?"

Mike Scott explained that a point of order is when someone misstates the law or doesn't follow procedure.

Leroy Scott said that 4 members of the Board of Selectmen have resigned in 2 years. The Board of Selectmen is short handed and their office is short handed. He said he has seen budget hearings in which some department heads came in with their budgets and could not explain them.

Mike Romick explained why the Budget Advisory Committee is recommending an official budget committee. One of the problems is lack of information. Another is absence of right information. They would like the right to speak to department heads and ask questions of them. Mike pointed out an error in the annual report on page 123. Total debt service for the proposed 2005/2006 budget is listed as $180,063 but it should be $866,132.

Dave Anderson of Jennifer Drive stated "obviously this is a fairly contentious issue for a lot of people." He wonders if this should be looked at from a different viewpoint. "Are we starting the budget process early enough?" "Are the computer systems and recording systems up to standard so that information is readily accurately available and reports can be generated to make everything crystal clear?" He stated that maybe we should make sure we have accurate systems in place rather than worrying about personalities. He hasn't heard an argument yet that would persuade him to make a decision one way or another.

Rhonda Lamphere stated that the auditor stated that he represents 50 municipalities in the state and all are compliant with GASB 34. She also said that Leroy Scott is correct; the Selectmen have been short handed. There are 3 agencies available to the town to provide the town with assistance. She can't agree that it's because they're short handed that the Budget Advisory Committee is receiving poor information or incomplete information.

Dave Clark lives on Haverhill Road and is a former member of the school board and a former member of the Budget Committee. He spoke in favor of the article from the perspective of the amount of time and commitment it takes to do the job of the budget committee. The town has grown. He said his hats off to the volunteers who put in so many hours.

Steph Landau said that according to the auditor's report the previous year's expenditures were $19,770 less than the budgeted amount. This report is available to everyone in the Selectmen's office. He explained that 2 years ago the town purchased property to buy a salt shed. The board believed they had the money. They approached DRA and received a signed letter stating that the salt shed was an emergency expenditure in accordance with RSA 32:11. This was identified as being from the unreserved fund balance and a public hearing was held. This met the requirements and the request to expend money was approved. The Board would not have gotten this letter if the financial records were in disarray. The DRA expects the unexpended fund balance to be between 3 and 7% with no more than 10%. He's heard people say that the municipal finance act is not good for us.

Gene Charron called the question. It was seconded. Moderator Mike Scott explained the voting process. The voting started at 8:30 pm. Voting will continue until 9:30 pm.

Moderator Michael Scott called the meeting to order at 8:45 pm.

Article #7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-five thousand dollars ($85,000) to hire a Town Administrator. The Town Administrator will have at a minimum, a B.S. in Public Administration and 3-5 years experience in town administration. A search committee composed of 1 Selectmen, 1 Town Employee, two members of the Budget Committee and two members of the public will be appointed by the Town Moderator to hire the Town Administrator. (Petitioned Article)

Leroy Scott made a motion that article #7 be tabled. The motion was seconded. A hand vote was taken. **103 people voted YES and 83 voted NO**. The matter is tabled. Tabled items can be considered later if a motion is made to bring the article back up again.

Article #8 To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Town Clock and Steeple Maintenance Fund for the purpose of the restoration of the Town clock and steeple housed in the Chester Congregational Baptist Church and raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand ($25,000) Dollars, ($5,000) for painting the three faces of the Town clock and ($20,000) to repair the steeple and name the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund. (Petitioned Article)

Article 8 was moved and seconded.

Hilary Hall lives on Derry Road and represents Chester Congregational Baptist Church. Chester has owned the bell and the steeple of the village church since 1784 and has owned the clock since 1804. Chester has vested interest in having the steeple remain a steeple. The Chester Congregational Baptist Church has been having a fundraiser to cover the cost of repairing the steeple. When Hilary approached the Selectmen about the need for having the clock painted the Selectmen were concerned that the church may not be able to meet it's deadline and that it was important to paint the clock and repair the steeple in a timely fashion. At that time the Selectmen suggested that the entire $25,000 amount be included in the warrant article and allow the church to pay back the town as the money came in. Hilary is happy to announce that in only 2 months' time the church has raised $17,900 and so the town will be asked to raise and appropriate only $5,000 and not the $25,000.

Hilary Hall made a motion to amend the article to read "To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Town Clock, Bell and Steeple Maintenance Fund for the purpose of the restoration of the Town clock, bell and steeple housed in the Chester Congregational Baptist Church and raise and appropriate the sum

of Five Thousand ($5,000) Dollars for painting the three faces of the Town clock name the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund." The motion was seconded. The amendment to Article 8 carries.

Leroy Scott said that the thinking behind this was that when the staging was up for the repairs of the steeple we would have the clock painted at the same time, which would save money. Leroy called the question.

A motion was made that Moderator Mike Scott would not read the amended article 8 again. It was seconded. All were in favor.

A vote was taken. **Article 8 passed unanimously.**

Article #9 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and forty five dollars ($5,845) for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television in the Town of Chester. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund established as the "PACT" Fund (Warrant Article #29, May 14, 2003), separate from the General Fund.

Article #9 was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Moderator Mike Scott called the question. **Article #9 passed unanimously.**

Article #10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ($29,000) to purchase a new police cruiser and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw said funds from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund.

Article #10 was moved and seconded.

Police Chief Al Wagner explained that this article was presented to the town last year and it failed. This year a cruiser has reached the end of it's usable life span. Some money has been expended to make repairs on the current vehicle. If this article passes the vehicle will be purchased in late fall.

Article #10 passed.

Article #11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than Eighteen Thousand ($18,000) for a one year payment of a five year municipal lease purchase of a one ton truck and accessories for daily year round use of the highway department. If this article passes the highway budget will be reduced by $30,000.

Article #11 was moved and seconded.

Colin Costine made a motion to amend the article to read, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than Eighteen Thousand ($18,000) for a one year payment of a five year municipal lease purchase of a one ton truck and accessories for daily year round use of the highway department. If this article passes the highway budget will be reduced by $20,000." The motion was seconded.

Colin said the road agent wasn't present at the time of the initial discussion on the topic of this truck at the budget hearing. Colin and the road agent discussed putting in the $20,000 figure after they had gotten a chance to discuss it.

Mike Romick said the Budget Advisory Committee initially supported this. The Budget Advisory Committee does not support it as amended.

Rob Brown, the road agent, said that fuel was considered in the discussion of what should be taken out of the budget. He is in support of this article.

Mat Stover asked the Board to explain how they figured the tax impact of .04 cents for this article.

Mike Oleson thinks that the $30,000 reduction in the highway department budget should stay and that there is more than enough money in the budget to support that.

Steph Landau was seated next to the town's attorney. He stood up to say that Mr. Graham advised that the article would have to have an escape clause in the lease. Mr. Graham also told Steph that the statement regarding the highway department's budget being reduced should not be included in article #11 but should instead be taken out of article #17, which is the full budget.

Colin Costine's amendment to Article #11 failed.

Steph Landau made a motion to amend Article #11 to read, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than Eighteen Thousand ($18,000) for a one year payment of a five year municipal lease purchase of a one ton truck and accessories for daily year round use of the highway department. This lease will contain an escape clause." The amendment was moved and seconded.

Rhonda Lamphere said that the Budget Advisory Committee feels that the highway budget has more than enough operating money in it. If the town votes to pass this amendment they will vote to give the highway department a vehicle and the funds that are in that budget. She urged the people not to support this amendment.

Kevin Scott asked if the intention is not to reduce the highway budget.

Steph Landau said the highway budget needs to be reduced at the time of the entire budget and not now.

Rhonda Lamphere said she believes that if article #17 is amended we will have no control over where the reduction in the budget is made. There would be no guarantee that the money would be taken from the highway budget.

Lenny Stein said that surplus vehicles are sold for very little money. The town could probably get a state highway truck with a plow and sander for less than $3,000, he said. He thinks the town should consider taking a look at what's available at the auction.

Colin Costine asked a point of order. "Are we still talking about the amendment here?"

Lonny Rutland asked, "What is the truck for?" "What are the accessories?"

Robert Knapp said that the Selectmen in Chester have historically wanted to make the road agent's position be an appointed position. He said that purchasing this equipment will be a nail in the coffin of the road agent. Every town that purchases equipment ends up with a highway department and the people end up with no choice at all. He urged the voters to think about this carefully.

Leroy Scott said an escape clause means that the town can bail out of the lease prior to its expiration.

Steph Landau explained that the reason for the escape clause is that if we find out that the piece of equipment is not paying for itself we can get out of the lease. He also stated that the proper procedure is that funds cannot be removed from an article that hasn't yet been discussed.

The amendment to Article #11 carried. Mike Scott asked if there was any discussion on Article #11 as amended.

Chris Breen asked the total cost of the vehicle. At the end of the lease does the town own the piece of equipment?

Colin Costine said that the truck will cost about $90,000. At the end of the term the buyout cost is $1. The truck is commonly referred to as a 1-ton truck but is a Ford 550. It is heavier than a 1-ton and has a larger capacity sander, which will cut down on the number of trips back to the salt shed to reload during storms. Colin said that outside of bond work the town expended $37,065 for a 1-ton truck in 2003/2004 and $24,068 in 2004/2005. This is where the idea of reducing the budget by $30,000 came from. Colin said he believes the town could save substantially more than $20,000 per year. The road agent has stated that he will use the truck. The equipment mentioned in the article is a hydraulically operated sander, a front plow and a wing plow. Colin said that the town has had a truck for 30 years and hasn't plowed a single mile of road yet. The truck will be kept at the old fire station. The truck will be maintained by the dealer for regular maintenance. It will be a diesel truck. The oil will be checked by the same person that checks the oil every day now.

Lenny Stein said he doesn't know why Colin brought up the 30 year old truck. He can't understand why no one wants to look into purchasing a truck at an auction. The town could get a fleet of trucks at the auction for $90,000, he said.

Colin Costine said that the truck will be used every day year round. It is the right height.

Lenny Stein said there are plenty of 1-ton trucks at the auction.

Norma Welsh asked why the town would want to pay $90,000 and own the truck in 5 years when we could probably get a comparable truck and own it now. The road agent could go with the person who purchases the equipment at the auction.

Mat Stover asked again for the Board of Selectmen to calculate the .04 cents increase on the tax rate for this article.

Mike Oleson said that if the town purchased a fleet of trucks at the auction they would also need a fleet of mechanics because the trucks tend to break down a lot. When a truck is broken down it costs the town money.

Kevin Scott said that he would be in favor of spending $18,000 to save $24,000.

The question was called and seconded. Moderator Mike Scott read Article #11. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than Eighteen Thousand ($18,000) for a one year payment of a five year municipal lease purchase of a one ton truck and accessories for daily year round use of the highway department. This lease will contain an escape clause." **Article 11 passed.**

At 9:30 Mike Scott asked the Supervisor of the Checklist to open the ballot box.

Article #12 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five ($25,000) dollars to be deposited in the Chester Fire Department Capital Reserve account for the purpose of finishing off the upstairs of the fire station.

Fire Chief Stephen Tunberg said that the money for the second floor of the fire station was funded by the Fire Fighters Association.

Article #12 passed.

Article #13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty thousand ($20,000) to add to the Capital Reserve fund for repair of Fremont Road Bridge.

Article #13 was moved and seconded.

Jerome Gesel said that the town qualifies for Bridge Aid but the town has to have 20% of the total cost to reconstruct a bridge. The $20,000 from this warrant article will be added to $48,500 for reconstruction of that bridge.

Charlotte Lister asked if the bridge would be replaced.

Rob Brown said that the Fremont Road Bridge is on the state's red flag list. If we don't fund this we will lose the 80% from the state.

Kevin Scott asked if the article should be amended to include expending the money. Gordon Graham, the town's attorney said that the Board of Selectmen has to have been appointed as agents to expend money from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Charlotte Lister said that as best as she can remember the Board of Selectmen was not appointed as agents to expend.

Charlotte Lister made a motion that the Selectmen be agents to expend the fund.

Gordon Graham, the town's attorney, said he understood that there was a motion pending. He said if it is the intention of this body that $20,000 be appropriated for the purpose of repairing a bridge it doesn't have to be in Capital Reserve. It can be taken out of the highway department budget and then that can be amended down when it's time for Article #17. Everyone said they were confused.

Charlotte Lister withdrew her motion.

Rob Brown said that by not funding this $20,000 we're basically giving away state funding.

Lona Hazelton asked if there was $20,000 in road bond money available for this bridge.

Mat Stover brought everyone's attention to page 19 of the budget. Last year's budgeted amount was $242,500 and nothing was spent. This year's budgeted amount was $48,500 and nothing was spent. He said it would help if someone explained this so the people would know what they're voting about.

Mike Oleson said he didn't know why we couldn't take both $20,000 bridge repair articles out of the bond money. That would keep our taxes down, he said, because that money is already appropriated.

Rob Brown said this was a special project that was underway long before the road bond was approved.

Mike Scott moved the question. A vote was taken. No decision could be reached. Rhonda Lamphere made a motion for a show of hands. The motion was seconded. The motion carried and a hand count was taken.

Yes 110 /No 73. Article #13 passes.

Yes 133/No 121. Article #22 carries. A motion was made that there be no further consideration of Article #22. It was seconded. There will be no further consideration of Article #22.

Leroy Scott said he would like to make it known that one of the members of the budget committee was doing the counting. Mike Scott said he wouldn't have allowed that to happen. Andrew Hadik said that he supervised the opening of the ballot box. He was not within 8 feet of the counting. Mike Scott said he liked that kind of thing because it's important to make sure that things are even handed. He said no member of the budget committee counted the votes. Leroy Scott said that he made a mistake; he was referring to the fact that Andrew helped with the hand counting.

Andrew Hadik said that he was drafted to be the assistant moderator 2 years ago. He is also a member of the Budget Advisory Committee. If the people want to indicate that they would not like Andrew involved with any counting he would be happy to abide by whatever the people wish.

Article #14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty thousand ($20,000) to add to the Capital Reserve fund for repair of Towle Road Bridge.

Article #14 was moved and seconded.

Jerome Gesel said that this is the same situation as Article #13. Passing of this article would match funds from the State Bridge Aid.

Kevin Scott said he wasn't not in favor of either of these articles. But he said if we can appropriate this money from the bond money then he thinks that's where it should come from.

Rhonda Lamphere said the Budget Advisory Committee recommended not supporting this. The road agent has slightly less than half the bond money spent thus far. She said if it's impossible to do that many projects in one year why fund the projects?

Rob Brown said that the town was on the list for Bridge Aid since 1995. The bridge has washed out several times. The state will pay 80% of $231,000 to complete the project.

Leroy Noyes asked for clarification as to what constitutes funding. "Do we have to fund it to a specific article on the warrant or can we take funding out of an existing appropriation and meet the state requirements?"

Gordon Graham, the town's attorney, said that the town can raise the money from anywhere they want.

Mike Scott called for a vote. **Article #14 carries.**

Article #15 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand ($35,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing an automatic starting emergency generator capable of powering the entire fire station/EOC. Ninety five percent (95%) of these funds, thirty-three thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars ($33,250) will be from Fire Grant funding, and five percent (5%) of these funds, one thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars ($1,750) will be from town funds. Failure to be awarded the Fire Grant will cancel this article.

Article #15 was moved and seconded.

Chief Tunberg said that the fire grant method of acquiring equipment is a pretty good buy. He urged the people to support this article.

Charlotte Lister asked if it was a suitable generator. Chief Tunberg said that it is a suitable generator, appropriate for the fire station. Leroy Noyes asked how big the generator needs to be for the purpose needed. Is this a current price? Chief Tunberg said that it is a 3-phase generator with an automatic transfer switch. The price is current.

Mike Scott called the question. **Article #15 passes.**

Mike Scott announced that a 15-minute break would be taken from 10:00 pm until 10:15 pm.

Hilary Hall made an announcement. The Chester Historical Society is holding an Essex Baseball Club. It's a Civil War period baseball club. There will be an exhibition game on Saturday, July 23 at 12:00 noon at the town ball field. Come and watch the game. Cheer with authentic cheers of the period. Donations will be accepted and all proceeds will go to the Stevens Memorial Hall Restoration Fund.

Gladys Nichols made a motion that article #18 be taken out of order and considered now. The motion was seconded. All were in favor.

Article #18 To see if the Town will vote to place a Conservation Easement on the property known as "the Natural Area", Lot 7, Map 17, (as designated by Article #23, May 11, 1994) and used by the residents of Chester it will continue to be used for a "quiet place", where activities such as hiking, cross-country skiing, bird watching, and simple non-motorized activities may take place. Further to amend the original Article #23 of May 11, 1994 to remove the language "Developmental rights will be forfeited with the exception of access from route 121 to the Mossman Property, and consideration for a parking area". (Petitioned Article)

The article was moved and seconded.

Gladys explained that the natural area was established many years ago. An article was in the town report but the conservation commission said that a new article needed to be written because in the original article there was a sentence that needed to be deleted. Mary Currier from the Rockingham Conservation Commission is the one that would monitor this piece of property. Gladys has received support from the fire department and the police department and many of the citizens had signed a petition. She said the school uses the natural area for a nature study. The kids use it for cross-country running. She would appreciate the town supporting it at this time.

Jerome Gesel said that the problem is that when this land was first acquired by the town it was laid out to have 3 access routes: one off of 102, one off of 121, and one off of Stockman Hill. He has a hard time supporting the withdrawal of the verbage because of the traffic at school and the emergency vehicles.

Kevin Scott said he supports this article. His property doesn't abut the natural area but is within 60 feet of it. There is a small driveway between his property and his neighbor's and it leads out to a very small parking lot that is designated for emergency traffic and cemetery visitation but it is used a lot for athletic field parking. He is strongly in favor of conservations easements. He would like to see the town support Gladys on this article.

Chuck Myette is the Chairman of the Conservation Commission. He said the town has already passed an Article to make this a conservation area. The original article called for a right-of-way for the fields. The land is owned by the town and Rockingham County monitors the land as a third party. He said safety is important to consider. In conservation easements there is always

the eminent domain right that stays preserved with the property. Whether this is in there or not a road can be put through there if it would benefit the town. Chuck is in favor of this article.

Leroy Scott called the question. **Article #18 passes.**

Article #16 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand ($35,000) dollars to update the Town of Chester Master Plan.

Article #16 was moved and seconded.

Rick Snyder is the Chairman of the Planning Board. He said that the Master Plan is a document that's purpose "is to set down as clearly and effectively as possibly the best and most appropriate future development of the area under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board. It is to aid the Board in designing ordinances that result in preserving and enhancing the unique quality of life and culture of New Hampshire and guide the Board in performance of its other duties…" Our original Master Plan was crafted in 1986. Since then there were minor updates in 1991 and 1998/1999. The town is responsible to keep this plan updated every 5 to 10 years. The Planning Board hopes to use the Master Plan to guide growth. It is essentially a user manual for the town in its growth. He urges the voters to support the article.

Rhonda Lamphere pointed out that on page 20 of the budget $30,000 is encumbered for the Master Plan. She asked Rick Snyder to explain why he was asking again for $35,000.

Rick Snyder said that 2 years ago the Planning Board had asked for the update to the Master Plan. There was work being done and changes being made with ENROC, smart growth, etc. and it seemed inappropriate for the Planning Board to do the update before that work was done, Rick said. So the update never occurred. The money was rolled over the year before last and then there were expectations that this would further be rolled over and the Selectmen discussed it at their meeting but never voted on it. Rick said that the money ($30,000) will be returned to the unexpended funds but it cannot be used this year for the stated purpose.

Mike Scott called for a vote. **Article #16 carries.**

Article #17 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, Two Hundred and ninety-six thousand, two hundred and twenty seven dollars ($3,296,227) for the support of Town government, for the payment of Salaries, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

4100-General Government	$ 797,064
4200-Public Safety	694,736
4300-Highway, Streets, Bridges and Sanitation	638,482
4400-Health & Welfare	37,129
4500-Culture & Recreation	247,881
4600-Conservation & Economic Development	14,803
4700-Debt Service	180,063
4900-Capital Outlay	0
Total Appropriation	**3,296,227**

Article #17 was moved and seconded.

Rhonda Lamphere made a motion to amend the article to read "Article #17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, fifty-six thousand, one hundred and thirty-two dollars ($3,056,132) for the support of Town government, for the payment of Salaries, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

4100-General Government	$ 728,154
4200-Public Safety	634,672
4300-Highway, Streets, Bridges and Sanitation	553,282
4400-Health & Welfare	33,919
4500-Culture & Recreation	226,450
4600-Conservation & Economic Development	13,523
4700-Debt Service	866,132
4900-Capital Outlay	0
Total Appropriation	**3,056,123**

Rhonda said that the article as originally written had an incorrect entry under debt service. The number $180,063 is wrong. It should be $866,132. This number is shown on page 19 of the budget. The Budget Advisory Committee has reduced the operating budget by $240,095. They have included a reduction of $30,000 in the highway department budget because of the passing of the amendment to purchase a 1-ton truck. They believe that at this lower level of funding there is still flexibility to add a police officer, add a fire fighter and purchase the reassessing software. It will be up to the Board of Selectmen to decide what the top priorities should be.

Steph Landau said that when the Board proposed a budget they had 3 major items in mind: a career firefighter, a full time police officer so that there can be 24-hour coverage in the police department, and reassessing software. If the town doesn't do a reassessing the state will decide how much this reassessing will cost. The town will have no say. The difference between last year's budgeted amount and this year's budgeted amount is an increase of $180,000. Steph said that this budget belongs to the town. If the townspeople want a specific area of the budget cut he would be more than happy to do it. Taxes are there because services are provided. Recently the majority of the Board shut down work in the highway department because that department's budget is overspent. Steph has heard from many residents that they feel that the roads need to be worked on. But if there isn't money in the budget the work can't be done. He urged the people to think about what needs to be done.

Rob Brown spoke against the amendment to Article #17. It reflects an $85,000 reduction in the highway budget.

Mike Romick said that he agrees that the town needs a police officer and firefighter. But the Budget Advisory Committee feels there is enough money to do the work even with the reductions.

Rhonda Lamphere said that the changes proposed in the amendment were based on actual expenditures from the last couple of years. It is her opinion that there has been sufficient funding for the town to do all the things they have set out to do each year. She does not believe

it would be any burden on the Board of Selectmen to readjust the budget if the amendment passes.

Charlotte Lister asked, "What is a skid steer for the transfer station?

Steph answered that the skid steer is a piece of equipment that, if purchased, will be used in numerous places there. The transfer station is turning a profit now. The recycling effort that has gone on at the transfer station has improved tremendously. With this piece of equipment we will not have to hire another employee. The Board had been advised that if they believe something is necessary it should be put into the operating budget and not into a separate warrant article. He believes the skid steer will save the town money.

Charlotte Lister asked if the Board intended to hire a person to do bookkeeping and secretarial work.

Steph Landau said we need someone who will strictly do the financial work. Once the full Board is seated they intend to invite some members of the budget committee and some ex-Selectmen, as well as the new auditor, to sit in on the interviewing process.

Charlotte started to ask about the person who is going to be in that office. Mike Scott interrupted and said that these questions should have been asked before the meeting. Now is the time to speak to the amendment.

Stephen Tunberg spoke against the amendment. He said that there have been fewer and fewer people available during the daytime at the fire department. Right now there are 5 part time people who do shifts during the daytime, each of whom have full time jobs. This proposed budget includes a position that would be a person's primary job. To get a qualified firefighter and demand that kind of performance the person needs to be treated right, with insurance and vacation benefits. He does not support the amendment to Article #17.

Police Chief Al Wagner expressed his support for Chief Tunberg. He complemented the fire department and said it has been very helpful to the law enforcement community. He said the police department is getting busier. He urged the people to reject the amendment.

Colin Costine said that during the budget process he heard Selectmen Jerome Gesel say about 10 times that he'd like to see these specific requests on separate warrant articles. Colin said that the attorney told the Board that if they can't live without something they should "bury it in the budget". He said that in the past the budget has been broken down into several different articles and then the town could give their input significantly better. He is confident that with the amendment there will be money for everything we really need.

Mike Romick said again that the Budget Advisory Committee believes that there is enough money in the budget. He said that the budget is a bottom line budget. He added that the skid steer is for a 1-year payment of a 5-year lease.

Victoria Abdallah said that what is being voted on is a bottom line dollar amount. How the Board of Selectmen spends the money is up to them. Her concern is that this amendment is reducing the article by too much. She'd be more comfortable with "middle of the road".

Andrew Hadik said that the town has lost a lot of state aid and the town can't keep up with tax increases every year. He said that people need to think of it in context. Property taxes double every 6 to 7 years.

Steph Landau said he never got any information from the attorney that anything should be "buried" in the budget. That is not the way he works. He gave a couple of examples where they cut the budget in order to keep the budget down. Steph said that the Board got the numbers (for the .04 cent tax impact) from one of the Budget Advisory Committee members. He thinks that cutting the budget across the board like this is a problem. He doesn't believe that $180,000 is that much of a tax impact.

Tom LeCourt feels that the Budget Advisory Committee has demonstrated thoroughness and professionalism. He feels that the town can make do with less.

Mat Stover pointed out that there was a lot of effort on everyone involved. The Budget Advisory Committee sent out a report in the town report. He said that the debt service itself would be 74¢ on the tax rate. The warrant articles passed this evening will add 43¢ to our tax rate. With the budget that the Selectmen recommended we are still looking at an 18% increase over last year. The Budget Advisory Committee feels that there are ways "not to reduce the services in the town but to be more efficient in providing those services and to be more efficient and professional in some of the financial management that we have in this town." He believes that the additional staff, assessing software and essential services can be provided with this amended amount. If we have good management practices and set priorities it can be done.

Mat Stover called the question. A vote was taken. The amendment to Article #17 carries. There was no discussion as amended. **Article #17, as amended, carries.**

Article #19 To see if the Town will designate Shattigee Road a Scenic Road, in accordance with the provisions of the NH RSA 231:157. (Petitioned Article)

Article #19 was moved to the floor and seconded.

Dick Godfrey lives on Shattigee Road. He read from the RSA, which stated that designating a road to be a scenic road will not affect construction maintenance or reconstruction. It will not affect the rights of any landowner with the exception of the moving of boundary lines including stonewalls and some removal of trees. He said that he thinks the town should preserve some of the past for future generations. He asked for the support of the people.

Andrew Hadik is in support of the article.

Charlotte Lister said she doesn't think the road is very scenic to begin with. She will not support this article.

Mike Scott called the question. A vote was taken. **Article #19 passed.**

Article #20 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue that portion of the Stockman Hill Road that abuts the Gauvin Property that is identified on the approved Subdivision Plan dated Dec 23, 2003 for Tax Map 17-14 and the letter dated November 26, 2003 from DuBois & King. Reverting the under laying road back to the abutters.

Article #20 was moved to the floor and seconded.

Don Gauvin and his wife live at 75 Sandown Road. He said that in 2003 he and his wife applied for a subdivision of their land, which was approved. Between his property and the Great Hill Cemetery is the old portion of Stockman Hill Road. The old Stockman Hill Road is now a pond. In the engineer's opinion Stockman Hill road had been discontinued at a town meeting in 1880. Don and Nancy felt that when the subdivision was approved the town would resolve the issue. They've pursued the issue since then to no avail and so he appealed to the Selectmen who

put the wording for this petitioned article together. The article does not reflect his opinion. He does not intend on taking the use of their land away from the town. As Don sees it, there are 2 issues. The first is whether or not the town did discontinue that road. Second, he wants the town to take appropriate action. Do they have a use for the land? Was their intent to use it? The back part of the road is a pond.

Don Gauvin made a motion for an amendment to Article #20. "To see if the town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to direct the research of the discontinuance of Stockman Hill Road, as pointed out by Eric Mitchell during the Gauvin subdivision plan, dated Dec 23, 2003 for Tax Map 17-14, and take appropriate action to transfer ownership of the unused portion of Stockman Hill Road back to the abutters if appropriate. This issue must be reported back to the 2006 town meeting." The motion was seconded.

Hilary Hall asked if this was a class 6 road. She said she's been in this situation before. There was no evidence anywhere in her situation. She thinks Don will run into the same problem.

Andrew Hadik said that if there are minutes from the meeting in 1880 there may be doubt as to the type of discontinuance. Clarifying language was passed in 1908, at which time it had to be specified what type of discontinuance it was.

Leroy Scott gave an example of the Harrantis Lake Road extension. It was petitioned that the road be discontinued and land given to abutters. He said that this extension is being used every day because it would be impossible for trucks to make the turn further down the road onto East Derry Road.

Don Gauvin read from the warrant article from 1880, which stated "To see if the town will vote to discontinue that part of the old highway…" He said it is confusing; that's why he's not adamant about this issue.

John Lamphere said that it is a class 6 road. It is a historic road that provides access to abutters who own land further in.

Mike Scott read the amendment. "To see if the town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to direct the research of the discontinuance of Stockman Hill Road, as pointed out by Eric Mitchell during the Gauvin subdivision plan, dated Dec 23, 2003 for Tax Map 17-14, and take appropriate action to transfer ownership of the unused portion of Stockman Hill Road back to the abutters if appropriate. This issue must be reported back to the 2006 town meeting." Mike Scott called for a show of hands. The amendment to Article #20 fails.

Jean Methot said that the road in question is a Class 6 road that goes into a pond. Who wants to keep that open? There are no abutters that are affected by this. He said Mr. Gauvin just wants some relief, that's all.

Moderator Mike Scott read Article #20 again. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue that portion of the Stockman Hill Road that abuts the Gauvin Property that is identified on the approved Subdivision Plan dated Dec 23, 2003 for Tax Map 17-14 and the letter dated November 26, 2003 from DuBois & King. Reverting the under laying road back to the abutters. A vote was taken. **Article #20 carries.**

Article #21 Shall the Town vote under the provisions of RSA 154:24 to authorize the fire department to go to the aid of another city, town, village, or fire district within or without the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance or performing any detail as requested.

Article #21 was moved to the floor and seconded.

Chief Tunberg explained that this is a housekeeping issue. The majority of the towns did not show that this action had taken place. The former fire chief assured Chief Tunberg that this had taken place but there was no record. This Article would make us in compliance with the Attorney General's requirements.

A vote was taken. **Article #21 passes.**

Article #23 To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to file as a public record with the Town Clerk by the twenty-fifth day of each month an accurate and up-to-date report accounting by budget line item, all revenues received by the Town and by budget line item, all funds expended by the Town during the prior month and for the fiscal year to date, including a comparison of revenues received and funds expended against the approved annual budget amount for each line item. (Petitioned Article)

Article #23 was moved and seconded.

Andrew Hadik said that this was standard operating procedure when he was Selectman. It will require no extra work, burden or expense. He asked the people to support this article.

A vote was taken. **Article #23 passed.**

Article #24 To see if the Town will vote and authorize the Board of Selectmen to set the speed limit on Knowles Mill Road and Bittersweet Lane to 25MPH. We further request that combination 25MPH and "Children at Play" signs be placed at each of the two entrances to Knowles Mill Road and the entrance of Bittersweet. (Petitioned Article)

Article #24 was moved and seconded.

Rhonda Lamphere said that she'd been told that the RSA requirement is that a class 5 road requires a minimum of 30 MPH.

Chief Al Wagner stated that the Board of Selectmen has the legislative authority for traffic; however, they have to fall within the statutes and the RSAs. Unposted roads are automatically 35 MPH by statute. Reduction can be taken upon proper survey of the area. The Planning Board's engineer has done a review of the roads and has sent a letter that Chief Wagner has forwarded to District Court granting the authority to post a 30 MPH limit.

Andrew Hadik has been on the planning board for 10 years. He said that it bothers him that "Children At Play" signs give people a false sense of security. He is surprised that the person who petitioned the article isn't present to speak to it.

A vote was taken. **Article #24 fails.**

Article #25 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts for public purposes.

Article #25 was moved and seconded. A vote was taken. **Article #25 passed.**

Article #26 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus equipment and property, except for real property; all to be sold by public auction or sealed bids.

Article #26 was moved and seconded. **Article #26 carries.**

Article #27 To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Chief Wagner announced that there will be a community clean up day on May 21. The police department will fund a mailer. The residents will be asked to pick up and bag the trash along their property. The road agent has volunteered his time to pick up the trash on Sunday the 22nd. Lloyd Healey at the transfer station has stated that he will make arrangements to accept these bags. Trash bags will be available at the town hall and the library. Chief Wagner appreciates everyone's attention to this. Leroy Scott made a suggestion that safety vests be supplied. He thinks it's a good idea but the people should be safe.

Leroy Scott made a motion that under RSA 40:10 the tabled motion not be reconsidered. The motion was seconded. The motion carries.

Andrew Hadik thanked everyone for staying late. He said that the Planning Board, the Zoning Board, the Conservation Commission and the Strategic Land Protection Committee, along with the Board of Selectmen, do the most to preserve the character of the town. Between these boards, not including the Board of Selectmen, there are 44 positions and 29 positions without alternates. The town of Chester has only 16 people serving on these Boards. Andrew encouraged anyone with any expertise and time to volunteer to help the town maintain its character.

Colin Costine wanted to see if the town would ask the Board of Selectmen that any issue that is important to any particular group in town please be made a separate warrant article. The majority of the people agreed with Colin.

Charlotte Lister pointed out that in order to volunteer for a position in town a person does not have to be an expert; training is provided.

Mike Scott announced that he would be appointing members to the budget committee. If anyone is interested in becoming a member they should contact him.

There was a motion to adjourn the town meeting. It was seconded. A vote was taken. **The town meeting was adjourned at 12:00 am.**

Minutes Prepared by Molly W. Higham

Department Reports

Assessing Department

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Municipal Resources Inc. continues to be contracted to provide the town with assessing services. The three primary members of the staff working in town are Joseph Lessard, Scott Marsh and Joey Smith. It is requested that if the appraisers come to your property, you support our efforts to keep assessments equitable and correct, by answering their questions and allowing them to measure and inspect your structures.

The assessing department is continuing to work on the Department of Revenue assessment review guidelines. Chester is due for assessment review in 2006 and as such, several items are being updated to conform with those guidelines. The major item being completed is the updating of property assessments to bring them in-line with current market values. As of April 1, 2005 assessments were estimated to be about 54% of market value. A review over the past few years found that the vast majority of the physical data currently on file in the assessing office was correct, subsequently the process of updated assessments is being completed by means of a statistical update. Vision Appraisal Technology has been hired to perform this update and will only be inspecting those properties that have sold within the past two years. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the physical information that is on file regarding your property, it is recommended that you come to Assessing office and review a copy of your property record card. If you find any discrepancies or there is additional information that you would like to provide, please let us now.

Further information regarding the valuation update is available at the Town Offices and will be published as the process continues. It is currently expected that updated valuation notices will be sent out sometime in July and there will be an opportunity to meet with Vision Appraisal Technology Staff after that time with any proposed valuation questions. It should be clearly understood that the updated assessment amount should not be applied to the 2005 tax rate, as the rate will be substantially changing.

Municipal Resources staff is available on Thursdays. Jean Packard, the departments Administrative Assistant is available Monday thru Friday to answer any questions you may have regarding your property or to schedule an appointment to meet with an assessor.

PROPERTY TAX RATES 1999 – 2005

Year	Town	County	Local School	State School	Total
1999	$2.97	$1.01	$10.11	$6.45	$20.54
2000	$0.88	$1.05	$12.48	$5.89	$20.30
2001	$3.48	$1.37	$14.78	$5.63	$25.26
2002	$5.41	$1.45	$15.83	$5.44	$28.13
2003	$4.36	$1.47	$16.78	$5.76	$28.37
2004	$5.61	$1.53	$19.35	$4.47	$30.96
2005	$6.36	$1.51	$18.73	$4.36	$30.96

TYPES OF TAX EXEMPTIONS / CREDITS

ELDERLY EXEMPTION - OFF ASSESSED VALUATION

AMOUNT	REQUIRED AGE	INCOME LIMITATION	ASSET LIMITATION
$55,000	65 TO 74	Not in excess of: $35,000 if single, $60,000 if married	Not in excess of $300,000 excluding the value of the residence and up to 2 acres of land
$70,000	75 TO 79		
$85,000	80 AND UP		

PERMENTLY DISABLED - OFF ASSESSED VALUATION

AMOUNT	LIMITATIONS
$55,000	Same income and asset limitations as elderly exemption. Taxpayer must also be resident of New Hampshire for 5 years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly. If real estate is owned by spouse, they have to have been married for at least 5 years.

BLIND EXEMPTION - OFF ASSESSED VALUATION

AMOUNT	LIMITATIONS
$15,000	Every inhabitant owning residential real estate, and who is legally blind, as determined by the administrator of blind services of the vocational rehabilitation division of the education department.

VETERANS

Standard

Tax credit	LIMITATIONS
$500	Every resident who served in the armed forces in any of the qualifying wars or armed conflicts, as listed in RSA 72:28, and was honorably discharged; or the spouse/surviving spouse of such resident.

Surviving Spouse

Tax credit	LIMITATIONS
$2,000	The surviving unmarried spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces, as listed in RSA 72:28.

Service-Connected Disability

Tax credit	LIMITATIONS
$2,000	Any person who has been honorably discharged and received a form DD-214, and who has a total and permanent service connected disability, or is a double amputee or paraplegic because of the service-connected injury, or the surviving spouse of such a person if such surviving spouse has not remarried

Building Inspector (Code Enforcement)

John R. Gilcreast: Building Inspector/ Enforcement Officer
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PERMITS ISSUED for the FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005

New Single Family Homes	28
COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS	0
HOME IMPROVEMENTS	130
ELECTRIC	112
PLUMBING	49
DRIVEWAYS	23
OVERALL PERMITS	605

The total revenue generated from permits for the fiscal year 2004/2005, amounted to Forty nine thousand, one hundred seventy seven dollars ($49,177.36). Approximate fiscal construction value was Nine million, one hundred ninety seven thousand, four hundred eighty four dollars ($9,197,484.00).Still important are house numbers. It is important that these numbers remain in place and on the post for use by emergency personnel as the are specifically looking for the post and number. Over the past year, the Hazard Mitigation Committee has developed a natural disaster plan and the installation and maintenance of the house of the house numbers is a very important article of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

I believe that the welfare/safety of every individual in this town is affected by the house numbering system, and needs to be addressed as it has been cut from my budget twice. Chester has several approved subdivisions that have been approved and as of this report, there are more in the process, which will transmit into building permits. For the fiscal year 2005/2006 all propane and oil burner permits, and the Installation of wood/coal burning stoves have been transferred to the Chester Fire Department. Call Captain R Antoine at 887-3878. New home permits have taken a downtrend as well as home improvement permits, however I expect to see an increase in both in the coming fiscal year.

REMINDER:

Effective July 1, 2002, the State of New Hampshire enacted a new law regarding the storage of motor vehicles on private property. The law states that not more than one unregistered and un-inspected motor vehicle that is not over 25 years old shall be kept on the premises. The purpose for this as stated in the Revised Statues Annotated (RSA) is to provide "...a clean, wholesome, attractive environment...significant and proven importance to the economy of the state and the general welfare of its citizen."

Building permits are required before any construction, alterations or repairs other than ordinary maintenance. This includes, but is not limited to sheds of all sizes above and in ground pools, decks, carports, any electrical, mechanicals, or plumbing. Driveway permits are required before any alterations are made to an existing driveway. This includes, but is not limited to paving, change in width or grade. If you are uncertain if a building permit or driveway permit is needed, call the Building Inspectors office at 887-5552.

Submitted

John R Gilcreast

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Fire Department

In case of emergency: 911
For permits and all other Fire Department business:
Weekdays Phone: 887-3878 (Fire Station)
FD Cell Phone: 365-8180
Nights and weekends Phone: 365-7184 (Duty Officer)
The station is staffed with one Firefighter/EMT on weekdays from 7:30am until 5:00pm
E-mail: chesterfire@adelphia.net

If your house is empty on a daily basis, consider an alarm system. Contact the Fire Department for the number that the alarm company should use. Please check your house and remove any hazards. Pay particular attention to extension cords, clearance around heating appliances and open flames. Secure matches and lighters when there are young children in the home. Remember to check your smoke detectors on a regular basis and make sure that your reflective house number is properly located and visible. Access should be provided to your house by designating a key holder who is known to the Fire Department or by using a Knox box attached to your house.

Fire Department improvements this year include:

The Life Pac 12 is in service in Engine 3

We acquired a high volume-floating pump on a 50/50 grant and it is in service on Tanker 2

The Firefighters Association funded improvements to Tanker 2 that provide us with storage compartments, improved lighting and some appreciated repairs.

The number of incidents that the Fire Department responds to has increased this year by 24%. Of the 365 calls, the majority continues to be in the Rescue/EMS category. On the fireside, we were fortunate regarding brush fires. With the wet season last year, the only large brush fires we worked were mutual aid fires. We had improved levels of success with the building fires this past year due, at least in part, to increased efforts in training.

Projects for the upcoming year include:

Work on our original motorized engine, the Model A Ford

If we are successful with the Fire Grant, we will install an automatic emergency generator

If we are approved, we will start the process of finishing the second floor of the fire station.

In closing, I would like to thank those new members who have come forward and joined our ranks, those who have been serving and continue to serve and those who have served in the Chester Fire Department and no longer do so.

Thank you.

For the Chester Fire Department,

Stephen Tunberg, Chief

Fire Department Roster

Rich Antoine, Capt
Eric Bellemore
Richard Bellemore
Ron Blanchette, Lt.
Tim Boynton
Jason Brown
Jim Brown
Rich Butler
Jack Cadieux, Deputy Chief
Lori Child
Colin Costine
Michael Doucette
Michael Finney
Brian Gregson
Jamie Hassam
Jim Hoffman
Chris LeClair
Ken LeClair
Paul McKinley
Bruce McLaughlin, Lt.
Robert Murphy
Ron Newcomb
Justin Oteri
George Pinault
Darrell Quinn
Craig Schifferdecker
Kevin Scott
Ted Scott
Kim Shiel
Abigail Smith
Steve Tunberg, Chief
Mike Willinsky

Planning Department

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The Planning Board continues to work diligently on updating the Town's ordinances and regulations. This year the Planning Board has five (5) Zoning Ordinance amendments and one (1) Building Code amendment.

Open Space Subdivision Ordinance
Last year the Planning Board proposed a single zoning article (the new Article 6) to replace the two current cluster-zoning articles: Article 6 (Cluster Development) and Article 7 (Low Income Housing Incentives).

The chief reason the article was not approved by the voters was because of its mandatory application to parcels of land greater than 25 acres. There were also some other objections that were raised at the two public hearings. Given the feedback received from the voters, the Board has revised the article to include the following changes:

No Mandatory Requirement – Development under this article is now completely voluntary. The mandatory requirement has been entirely deleted.

No Low Income Housing Incentive – The Low Income Housing incentive bonus has been deleted. (Note that Article 7, which is to be replaced, currently has incentives for Low and Very-Low Income Housing.)

Affordable Housing Incentive – The Low Income Housing incentive has been replaced with one for "Affordable Housing," which is housing priced for families with annual household incomes that are 80% of the Median-Area-Income (MAI). (According to HUD, the 80% annual MAI for these families is currently approximately $60,600.)

Reduced Multi-Family Housing – Multi-Family housing is still permitted as in the current articles, however, the maximum number of units permitted per building has been reduced by half (from 12 to 6 units per building.)

Building Separation and Setbacks – The separation between buildings has been increased by 25% from last year's proposal. Front and side setbacks have also been increased.

The Planning Board believes it is very important for the voters to approve replacing the old articles with the new one for the following reasons:

Fewer Units - Approving the new article will reduce the tax impact of future growth to the school system because there will be fewer units overall than are allowed by the current cluster zoning.

Senior Housing – Will create more opportunities for seniors to remain in town as well as reducing impacts to the school system.

Less Urban Sprawl – Open space zoning reduces sprawl, which reduces the need for municipal services such as plowing expenses, provides shorter school bus routes, more practical transportation networks, and reduces runoff lessening the potential for flood damage and groundwater pollution.

Quality of Life and Environmental Benefits – The benefits of larger non-fragmented blocks of open space include maintaining the rural and open character of the town, preserving agricultural and farming opportunities with, less strip development, better aquifer recharge and larger and more diverse wildlife habitats.

Please vote in favor of the new zoning amendment to adopt Article 6, which should be Article 2 on your voting ballot.

Wetland Conservation District

The original Wetland Conservation District Ordinance was written in the mid 80's and this amendment is an update to bring the ordinance into conformity with accepted practices within the state.

The intent of the Wetland Conservation District Ordinance is to: control or prevent the development of structures and/or land uses in naturally occurring wetlands which would contribute to pollution of surface and groundwater; prevent destruction of natural wetlands which provide flood protection, ground water recharge, pollution abatement and augmentation of stream flow during dry periods; prevent unnecessary or excessive expense to the Town to provide and maintain essential services and utilities which arise because of unwise use of wetlands; encourage uses that are appropriately and safely located within or adjacent to wetlands; protect potential water supplies and aquifers; preserve and enhance aesthetic values associated with wetlands; protect wildlife habitats, maintain ecological balances, and protect unique and unusual natural areas.

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

This year the Planning Board has benefited from a greatly improved level of service from the Southern NH Planning Commission (SNHPC). With a new Director (David Preece), that organization has reached out to Chester in new ways to offer general information regarding issues with a regional impact ranging from growth pressure from the anticipated widening of I-93 to underground aquifer protection.

SNHPC now offers professional planning services that the Planning board can utilize for the creation and review of new and existing land use regulations. The Planning Board is currently contracting with SNHPC to revise and update the Town's Master Plan.

Another improvement in SNHPC is that it listens to Chester and considers the towns needs and concerns more than it ever has in the past. Chester is regarded now as an equal to the other communities in its region of coverage (Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Deerfield, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, Manchester, New Boston, Raymond, Weare). The Planning Board intends to take more advantage of the services provided by SNHPC in the year ahead, particularly its professional planning services.

Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP)

The community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) is being developed in cooperation with the State of New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning and the regional planning commissions. CTAP's purpose is to help communities in the I-93 region plan for future growth. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) recently received the Record of

Decision from the Federal Highway Administration, which is their approval to proceed with the final design for the Salem-Manchester I-93 highway improvement project. During the public hearing and public outreach conducted as part of Preliminary Engineering of this project, communities in the region identified issues related to growth. The NHDOT is committed to a five year comprehensive Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP). This $3.5 million initiative will provide technical assistance to the 26 towns and cities impacted by the I-93 widening project. CTAP will help these communities meet the wide range of challenges faced in the region by providing technical assistance and access to tools for innovative land use planning. Chester is one of these towns, and is represented by Maureen Lein, Planning Board Vice Chair, and Al Hamel, Southern NH Planning Commissioner.

The CTAP program is unique in that the NHDOT has not predetermined the specific type or form of assistance that communities can receive. Over the past several months' local governments, local non-profit organization, community groups, and state, regional and federal agencies have wanted to define and both plan the technical assistance that is needed and will work together in providing this assistance over a five-year period. A steering committee consisting of fifteen representatives from towns, non-profit organizations and government agencies will further refine the scope of assistance and timing.

For more information regarding the I-93 widening project, please visit www.rebuildingI93.com.

Planning Board Activity:

Subdivisions

Subdivision Applications (Residential)	7
Lot Line Adjustment Applications	3

Locations:

Fremont Road, Harantis Lake Road, Haverhill Road, Chester Street, Town Farm Road, North Pond Road, Crowley Road, Candia

Lots created (Single-family homes)	31
Units created (Two-family homes)	21
Site Plan Review Applications (Commercial)	2
Home Business Applications	2

Revenues

Total Revenue (applications, etc.)	$7,909.00
Total Special Off-Site Improvement Account	$67,885.96

Completed Off-Site Projects

(Off-site money expended)

North Pond Road (engineering review)	$344.01
Lane Road & Route 102 (catch basin)	$18,299.67
Rod & Gun Club Road (drainage at Rt 102)	$5,482.59

Proposed Off-Site Projects

(Off-site money available)

Towle Road (reconstruction/paving)	$25,558.12
Old Sandown Road (reconstruction/paving)	$9,369.70
Harantis Lake Road (culvert)	$16,174.14
Rod & Gun Club Road (reconstruction/paving)	$5,478.96
Candia Road (roadside work)	$6,013.99
Town Farm Road (culvert)	$1,813.48

Other Board Activity

Open Space Master Plan

Open space planning in New Hampshire is an ongoing activity that is conducted mainly through the work of conservation commissions and planning boards. The Open Space Plan is a key supplement to the Town's Master Plan.

The Open Space Plan contains policies and actions designed to assist the town with future development, while also encouraging town leaders to continue to support and promote open space protection. The Plan aims to curb the potential for sprawling development in Chester with smart growth policies that will 1) encourage compact growth and 2) encourage developers to create and integrate open space as part of their developments into a continuous open space pattern for the entire community.

The plan also includes updated maps of the town's natural resources, including water, soils, habitat, forest, and a number of other elements. When these elements are layered on each other the areas with the highest potential for open space protection become evident.

The Open Space Plan can be viewed as a guide for the community in recognizing and continuing to support the need for preservation of open lands. Many towns across the state have voted to spend millions of dollars for open space protection. There are many communities within the Southern New Hampshire Planning Region alone, including Londonderry, Bedford, Deerfield as well as Chester who have approved bonds of over a million dollars each for land protection. The primary needs in these communities are to preserve key open space areas in order to manage development, protect natural resources, and maintain the community's character, while managing growth and stabilizing the tax rate.

The Open Space Plan is also designed to help the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board to continue to identify, prioritize and protect the community's remaining open spaces. The Chester Conservation Commission and Strategic Lands Protection Committee must continue to explore options for protecting key properties possessing qualities that define the character of the community; including well-managed forests and tree farms, unique habitats that provide shelter for rare plants and exemplary animal communities, historic sites and groundwater protection areas.

Open space is a financial benefit for any community. However, the visual and ecological benefits of open space are priceless and the protection of these areas can be achieved over time through the visions and recommendations of this plan. To be effective in the long term

however, the Chester Open Space Plan should be adopted and implemented by both Planning Board and the Conservation Commission and incorporated into the Town's Master Plan.

Updating of the Master Plan

The Town of Chester Planning Board is currently updating its Master Plan. Since the Town's 1997 Master Plan, Chester has grown from a population of 2,691 in 1990 to a population of 3,792 in the year 2000, an increase of 41 percent. The Town's overall rate of growth during the 1990's was the second highest among the 13 communities that make up the Southern NH Planning Commission region.

A master plan is the cornerstone of a community's development plan and land use policy. A comprehensive master plan analyzes existing resources and patterns while predicting future growth. Questions typically addressed in a master plan update include: Where should development occur? What type of development should occur? When should development occur? And finally, how will development impact the community vision of Chester?

This master plan update was prepared for the Chester Planning Board in accordance with New Hampshire state law (RSA 674:2 and RSA 674:3). The adoption of a sound master plan is an essential first step in the realization of Chester's community visions and goals. Without a master plan there can be no zoning ordinances. Furthermore, a master plan is required, along with a Capital Improvement Plan, to regulate the timing of development in order to manage growth.

This master plan update draws from previous plans adopted in 1986 and 1997. Rather than replacing the previous plans, the 2006 Chester Master Plan builds upon the foundation laid in the past to effectively plan for the future. This update attempts to provide the planning board with information necessary for the Town to address critical growth management concerns through existing and innovative measures. The 2006 Chester Master Plan is not an end, but rather a beginning. The plan should be updated and revised through time as the Town's conditions, goals, and objectives change.

The Planning Board and the Southern NH Planning Commission have already drafted the following chapters:

- Demographic Trends
- Community Facilities
- Transportation
- Housing
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Economic Development
- Natural Resources
- Regional Concerns
- Economic Development

Drafts of the chapter can be viewed online at the Town's website. The Planning Board welcomes your review and comments on these drafts.

Upcoming drafts on the following topics will be available soon:

- Existing and Future Land Use
- Vision and Community Goals
- Implementation Strategies

During March and April the Planning Board will be working to create these vital chapters, including the overall Master Plan Vision, as well as, establishing goals and objectives related to each of the previously completed chapters. These goals and objectives will serve to guide the planning board in implementing specific programs, policies, and regulations to guide the Town's future development in accordance to the community's desires and vision. In particular, the goals will shape the future land use recommendations to be developed during the same time.

The Planning Board welcomes you to join them on the third Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Town Offices and have your voice heard in the Master Planning Process. Also, keep an eye out for an additional public review period and hearing during the month of June.

Upcoming Planning Board Projects

·Update the Capital Improvements Program

·Investigate the transfer of development rights to reduce urban sprawl

·Update Subdivision Regulations

·Update Site Plan Review Regulations (commercial)

Coffee Klatch and Round-Table Discussion

Out of the forums that Planning Board members participated in came the publics request for more communication with the Planning Board. From this request, came the Coffee Klatch. This forum is held in conjunction with the Chester Town Fair on the first Saturday following Labor Day. The Coffee Klatch is held from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room at the Municipal Office Building prior to the beginning of the parade. Planning Board members are available during this time to hear your thoughts on the direction you wish to see Chester grow. All Town Department/Committees are invited to participate in this function.

On the second Wednesday in October at 7:30 P.M. in the Meeting Room the Planning Board conducts a Round-Table Discussion where the Board presents to Town Department/Committees and the general public, the path they will be following for the next year.

Proposed Zoning and Building Code amendments in the order they will appear on the ballot:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # __1_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To consolidate and improve the existing cluster zoning Article 6 and 7.

These improvements include reducing the number of dwelling units allowed, changes to the requirements for defining and preserving high quality open space and changes to buffer requirements while allowing for more flexible implementation of the Article. Another change is

to replace "low and very low income" housing as the basis for the incentive system with "affordable" housing. Development under this Article will continue to be voluntary.

Amend: By deleting in their entirety Article 6 – Cluster Development and Article 7 – Incentive System for Low-Moderate Income Cluster Housing and replace with the new Article 6 – Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To add terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: By adding terms to Article 2 – Definitions that are related to Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To accommodate terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: Change certain terms in Section 5.3.2 Permitted Uses to accommodate terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To accommodate changes relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: Table 1 by changing and/or deleting certain terms, distances, area or Article

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # __2_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: This amendment adds definitions and buffers/setbacks that bring the ordinance up to current standards and is intended to help reduce the adverse effects of human activities on wetlands and surface water.

Amend: Section 5.6 Wetland District Ordinance by adding 5.6.2 Definitions and 5.6.8 Buffers/Setbacks and Mitigation Measures.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # __3_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To reference already existing Table 2 into appropriate Article within the zoning ordinance.

Amend: Section 5.7 Wetland Conservation District by inserting reference to Table 2 Setback, No Cut and No Clearing Zone as Subsection 5.7.9 and renumber subsequent section.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # _4_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: Bring the existing Flood Plain Conservation District Section of the zoning ordinance into compliance with Federal Emergency Management standards so that affected residents may be eligible for federal flood insurance protection.

Amend: Amend Section 5.6 Flood Plain Conservation District (Zone FP).

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # _5_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Building Code as follows?

Purpose: To require the installation of sprinkler fire suppression systems in all new single family dwellings.

Amend: Section 3.5.5 Sprinkler Systems to include single-family dwellings.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # _6_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Amendments are proposed throughout the ordinance to correct typo errors, update statutory references and change the numbering and cross referencing of sections as required by other amendments.

The Planning Board asks that you please vote "Yes" on the above proposed zoning amendments. Copies of any of these amendments are available in the Town Clerk's Office, Administration and Finance Office, Chester Public Library and the Planning Board Office during regular business hours.

The Board welcomes any questions and input regarding its ordinances and regulations. The Board meets on the first, second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Meeting Room at the Chester Municipal Office Building starting at 7:30 P.M. Anyone interested in becoming a Planning Board member should attend Planning Board meetings and express their interest to Board members.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER PLANNING BOARD

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Police Department

REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING 2005

In case of emergency: 911
Phone: 887-3229 (24-Hour Dispatch)
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E-mail: chstrpol@gsinet.net

The members of the Chester Police Department remain active in providing Law Enforcement Services to the Town of Chester.

The number of personnel at the Police Department has remained stable at two full-time Officers and eight part-time Officers. The last major change was in 1994 when we added a full-time Police Officer.

The size of the community has changed. There are many more homes and streets. We now provide services to an estimated 4,500 people. There is a corresponding increase in the amount of traffic on State Routes 102, 121 and 121A.

The most visible sign of this growth is Chester Academy. A new school followed almost immediately by a new addition.

This year we are requesting your assistance in expanding the Police Department by adding full-time Police Officers to provide true 24 hour day coverage, 7 days a week, to our community.

The Chester Police Department continues to provide D.A.R.E. education at Chester Academy. We also provided O.H.R.V and Snowmobile Safety Courses, and other programs of interest.

Please remember that you are the community. It is only with your assistance that we are able to provide Law Enforcement services.

The members of the Chester Police Department thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Alfred J. Wagner, Chief of Police

William Burke, Deputy Chief • Nelson Ortega, Patrolman

Leonard LeClair, Sergeant • Rick Belanger, Patrolman

Vaughn McGillen, Patrolman • David Hargreaves, Patrolman

Scott Haggart, Patrolman • Jonathan Nightingale, Patrolman

Harry Gardner, Patrolman • Wayne Ingersoll, Patrolman

Vaughn M. McGillen, Administrative Assistant

Highlights of Calendar Year Ending December 2005

Total Number of Incidents Logged	2,284
Abandoned 911 Calls	46
Accident Reports	94
Aide to Fire Department	85
Aide to Law Enforcement	86
Alarm Activations	156
Alcohol Violations	13
Animal Control	218
Arrests	111
Assaults	20
Bad Check Violations	6
Burglaries	10
Citations Issued	355
Citizen Assist	125
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	58
Criminal Threatening/Harassment	36
Driving While Intoxicated	18
Drug Violations	13
Interference with Custody	4
Juvenile Problems	22
Motor Vehicle Complaints	203
Motor Vehicle Thefts	4
Noise Complaints / Disturbances	29
Paperwork Services	100
Pistol Permit Applications	47
Police Information	91
Protective Custody	11
Sexual Assaults	3
Suspicious Person / Incident calls	123
Thefts	41
Trespass Violations	13
Vacation Notices	161
Warnings Issued	955
Weapons Violations	3

Recreation Department

Recreation Coordinator: Shayne Marshall
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Fax : 887-5773
E-mail: chesterrec@gsinet.net
Website: http://www.chesternh.org/recreation_main.htm

The Chester Recreation Commission is a volunteer committee responsible for the operation of the Multi-purpose Room, the town athletic fields, the Wason Pond Recreation Area and the Community Center. This past year the Recreation Department has focused on the continuation of existing programs and the expansion of recreational programs for all age groups. The development of the Wason Pond facilities has enabled some of the programs to expand. For more information on Chester Recreational Programs and Activities please visit our website.

The Recreation Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Recreation office located in the Town Office Building. The Commission is in need of additional volunteers to assist in the rapidly growing recreational needs of the community. We currently have 3 open positions. Chester Residents are encouraged to attend our meetings to gain an understanding of the ongoing work of the Commission. The Recreation office can be reached at (603) 887-5773.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Summer Program

The six-week Summer Program begins the first full week in July. The program consists of guided children's activities, sports, and crafts as well as weekly field trips. This past summer 100 children 6 to 12 years of age participated in the program. The program included a field trip for children ages 13-15 one afternoon each week. This year we will welcome four and five year olds to the program.

Registration forms are distributed through the school, library, Town Hall and the Recreation office. These will be available at the end of May 2006. There is a modest fee for this program, but no child will be turned away for financial reasons.

Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area

This recreation area provides the residents with a fishing spot, swim facility, an area to canoe and kayak; a place to take leisurely walks, hikes, and have picnics; fields for sports teams to practice on during the warmer months; ice skating, sledding, snow-shoeing and cross-country skiing during the winter months. This was the second year Chester Academy held cross-country meets here. The Recreation Department held its Third Annual Fishing Derby the first weekend of June for the youth in our community.

The seniors, Brownies, Girls Scouts, and Boy Scouts, a healing circle, needle crafters and the Lions Club all now utilize space in the Community Center.

Basketball Program

The recreational basketball program expanded again this year and now includes over 250 children. The program consists of co-ed instructional programs for 1st and 2nd graders, inter-

league play for the 3rd and 4th grade boys and 3rd and 4th grade girls. The girls and boys in grade 5 - 8 participated this year in the Lamprey River League... Due to the number of participants, both the Multi-Purpose Room and Chester Academy gym were utilized for games and/or practices on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and all day Saturdays. Highlights this year included a coaching clinic for the players and referees by John Barry, Pinkerton Academy's girl's Varsity Coach.

Soccer Club: "Chester Soccer… it Kicks"

The fall of 2005 was a busy time for all of our soccer players, U6 through U12. The teams held practices and games on the town fields and during their spring season will have practices and games at the Sportszone in Derry. The program is growing fast and now has over 200 members. For more information you can visit the web site at http://www.chestersoccer.com/

Lacrosse Club

Lacrosse for girls came under the recreation umbrella in 2004 with girls registered in the U11 through U15 age groups. Chester boys will remain in the Derry program. Lacrosse sign-ups took place in February and March. Chester's long range plans will be to start its own boys program when the number of children and volunteering parents reach the appropriate number to field a sufficient number of teams. For more information you can visit the web site at http://www.ourleaguesite.com.

Adult Aerobics

Adult aerobics classes have been running since the fall of 2001. These classes are held on Monday and Thursday nights from 6:00 to 7:30 at Stevens Memorial Hall. The classes run in six-week sessions and are taught by certified aerobic instructor Nicole Murphy. The program is a combination of step and low-impact aerobics designed for beginner through advanced participants. The program is offered for men and women, as well as older teens, in a combined class environment. Please contact the Recreation office to sign-up for this exciting program.

Adult Yoga

This year we offered a yoga program that is run through the recreation department. Yoga is offered 4 days a week and has morning, afternoon and some evening classes. The Chester Recreation Yoga Program had a wonderful inaugural session. The program, directed by Rhonda Woodward, a certified Kripalu Yoga instructor, offers classes that meet the needs of both beginner and experienced students.

The "Beginner Class" is offered to those new to yoga or those who have not practiced in some time. A "Moderate Class" is available to those who are familiar with asana and are able to transition from posture to posture with less instruction. In either class, students will use yoga positions and breathing techniques to quiet the mind, strengthen and lengthen the muscles of the body, and move the inner self towards stillness.

DREAM (During Recreation Everyone Achieves More)

DREAM in its second year and is running strong. This program provides after school recreational opportunities for some 20 +/- Chester Academy students. Due to the high numbers, a high school student has been hired to assist in running DREAM. DREAM is held in the Multi-Purpose Room and it consists of time spent in "round table" discussions, eating a healthy snack, and then traveling to the Multi-Purpose Room or outside for high-energy activities. At 4:30 it is back to the MPR for homework or arts-and-crafts.

PROJECTS

Playground at Wason Pond

The Recreation department has had the privilege of working with the "Mom's Club playground committee", a dedicated group of women that have given tirelessly of their time and efforts. Beth D, Karen S, Patty S, Lorie O and Lisa H. and several other previous members have worked hard to bring you playground that is now located at Wason pond. Additional appreciation should be extended to a group of young men from Worcester Poly Tech Institute. They belong to the fraternity Lambda Chi and spent hours in the rain and cold putting the cement in and the playground together. Thank you all! Steph Landau was an integral part in helping the Mom's club dream come true. The playground will be ready for use in the spring.

Ice Rink

The efforts of the fundraising committee and the work of many volunteers have established a new ice rink in the center of Town. This is a great project that we hope will provide fun for years to come. Due to the quick efforts of Remi and Sons for the excavation, and Cooper Bros. for the paving, we were able to get a basic skating surface in place for this past winter. Additional thanks to Rob Brown for his contributions and the Chester Fire Department for doing their best to keep the rink filled (which was difficult this year due to the unusual warmth). This coming year will see the completion of the project with the installation of basketball hoops for summertime use, and lights for night skating next winter.

OTHER

Multi-Purpose Room

The Multi-purpose Room is scheduled by the Recreation Commission and is open for use by town residents. There is an application and approval process coordinated through the Recreation Coordinator. Several recreational programs use this facility, including basketball, baseball, floor hockey, softball, dances, the DREAM after school program and the Chester Mom's Club. As it is a shared town resource, the Recreation Commission is working with the Board of Selectmen to address maintenance issues with the floor.

Staff

Daily responsibilities of the Recreation Coordinator include scheduling the Multi-purpose Room and the Community Center, coordinating field space and usage requests, conducting sign-ups for a variety of Recreation-sponsored programs, daily communication with and assisting Recreation Commissioners with their needs, supporting the DREAM program, planning, coordinating and implementing new programs along with the summer program, as well as meeting the bookkeeping needs for all of these programs. The coordinator's responsibility additionally has been to prepare Wason Pond for summer use in 2006 and to assist with development plans for ball fields on the property.

2006 Plans

All programs coordinated by the Recreation Commission will be continued and expanded for 2006-2007. Consistent with the past six years, our programs have been growing in size by 20% or more each year. To accommodate this tremendous growth, parent volunteers are encouraged to become involved in these programs in order to avoid restricting enrollments. In addition to coaches, there are always administrative, purchasing, maintenance, and other activities to which parents can contribute.

The Recreation Commission has adopted a statewide mandate to require that all volunteers have a background check before being able to work with children. All coaches and summer program employees will be required to go through a First Aid and CPR training course. We strive to keep all children safe and well supervised in all of our programs.

The Commission is continuing to work toward establishing new athletic fields at the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area included in the Master Plan for that facility. Field space is very tight at the moment and scheduling practices and games is growing increasingly more difficult. We are looking forward to providing continued Recreational Opportunities in town, and pursuing a reasonable field space development and use plan is essential.

Recognition and Thanks

The Recreation Commission would like to express our thanks to Fred McNeill and the Basketball Board, Tom Harte and the Soccer Board, Rob Daziel and the lacrosse members, Baseball and its Board, Football and its Board, as well as all of the coaches, volunteers, and referees for all of these programs. The residents of Chester, especially its children, benefit from the dedication of these fine individuals who do not receive enough recognition for their time and effort. We would also like to thank the fans! Chester has the most supportive families and the stands are always full, no matter what town we are in, cheering on the awesome Chester athletes.

Thank you Red Dolloff for all your volunteer work and providing the knowledge and expertise we needed to fix the field drainage issues. Thank you Bill Gregsak of Gregsak Engineering for your tireless efforts and donated time for the betterment of the Town of Chester. You are a pleasure to work with and we appreciate everything you have done and continue to do.

Respectively submitted by:

CHESTER RECREATION COMMISSION

Members

Ed Karjala, Chairman

Bill Lonergan, Vice -Chair

Linda Royce

Bill Chirgwin

Road Agent

Road Agent: Rob Brown
Phone: 396-5083

To the Residents of Chester:

First I would like to thank you all for the support I have received in my third year as your Road Agent.

In 2005 we completed two projects through the State Bridge Aid Program. We replaced the bridge on Towle Road and we replaced the guardrails at Hanson and Route 102. Both of these projects were funded 80% by the State and 20% by the Town.

In 2004, we as a Town approved a $454,000 highway budget. This allowed us to pave, patch, plow, mow and maintain our roads to a very high standard. In May 2005 the Budget Committee put forth a $240,000 cut in the municipal budget, which was passed at Town Meeting. Then the Board of Selectmen had to distribute the cuts to the Town Departments. While some departments didn't receive any cuts, others received major cuts. The highway department received a 20% cut. This meant we could not address projects like the paving of East Derry and Old Sandown Roads and the topcoats on Hanson and Wells Village Roads. These projects were put off indefinitely. Last year like many towns in the area, we over expended our highway budget due to heavy snowfalls. However, we were reimbursed approximately $50,000 from FEMA. This is proof that at any time winter can deplete highway funds.

I recently prepared a highway budget for the Town of Chester. I took into account the average of budgeted funds and the funds actually expended over the past four years. The average highway budget of $472,000 was proposed to the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen. The Budget Committee has disregarded my request and is reducing the highway budget by a further 21% on top of the 20% cut last year. This leaves the Town with $291,000 for the 2006 – 2007 seasons. I would agree with the cuts if they were justified. However, over the last four years, history has shown that the Town expends an average $472,000. In those past four years the cost of salt, sand, fuel, labor and equipment have all increased, as well as the overall size of the Town. We had three new roads just last year.

Taking these facts into consideration how does the Budget Committee explain the reduction? The bottom line is that more roads require more work therefore more funds. My hands are being tied due to the short funding of the highway department. Therefore, the quality of our roads and road maintenance is being jeopardized. We have been very lucky this year with minimal snowfall, allowing us to work within our $368,000 budget. So the question for me is, do we ignore the facts? Do we cut the budget and hope for no snow or do we consider all the facts and budget accordingly? It seems clear to me!!

I have not seen any reduction in our taxes so why should you see a reduction in the services provided by our Town.

Sincerely,

Rob Brown

Road Agent – Road Bond Update

Originally the $2.1 million dollar bond was to grind and pave approximately 16 miles of roads. This was for a total of nine roads. To date, we have completed Candia Road and Towle Roads - approximately 5.5 miles. We have also pulverized and based Lane Road, Shepherd Home Road, Fremont Road and Tenny Farm Road - approximately 8.5 miles. These roads need a topcoat to be finished.

Unfortunately the high cost of fuel and oil has driven up the cost of asphalt. Many unforeseen conditions, such as the rock and stump removal from under existing roads, ledge blasting, hammering, tree removal and the relocation of roadside fill contribute to a 12% shortage in funding.

The bond work was to be done in two ways. First, the major paving would be put out for bid. We had three bids before any work was to be started and we chose the lowest bid. Secondly, the preparation work including the culverts, stumps, shoulders and tree removal would be done by local contractors at an hourly rate. Their rates varied depending on the equipment use. This was exactly as discussed at the Town Meeting.

We have approximately $190,000 remaining in bond fund. We will be using that to finish the topcoat on the four roads that were based only. That leaves us with three remaining roads, Harantis Lake Road, Webster Lane and Warfield Road - approximately 2 miles.

I wish I could say everything has gone as planned but it hasn't. Some things are beyond my control. I have worked hard to accomplish these goals. However there are a few critics that I just cannot seem to please. This same group has attacked me time and time again, never finding anything positive to say.

Good things have happened here in our Town and with a joint effort better things are still to come.

Sincerely,

Rob Brown

ROAD BOND SUMMARY

ROAD	AMOUNT	LABOR	RENTALS	MATERIAL	TREE CUTTING	CULVERTS	SHOULDER WORK	TOTALS
Wells Village Rd.	$30,157.20	$0.00	$25,920.70	$2,249.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,987.50	$30,157.20
Candia Road	$368,563.65	$863.59	$76,157.57	$242,087.52	$400.00	$68.72	$48,986.25	$368,563.65
Towle Rd	$171,233.48	$295.2	$640.00	$99,532.85	$6,295.00	$1,798.73	$62,671.62	$171,233.48
Lane Rd	$472,853.72	$2,539.8	$113,644.32	$183,436.11	$9,220.00	$14,083.43	$149,930.00	$472,853.72
Fremont Rd	$507,987.10	$5,045.56	$21,291.12	$329,257.23	$950.00	$500.00	$150,943.19	$507,987.10
Warfield Rd	$19,573.69	$0.0	$6,310.00	$7,224.69	$0.00	$0.00	$6,039.00	$19,573.6
Hanson Rd.	$800.00	$0.0	$0.00	$800.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$800.0
Town Farm Rd	9013.	$0.0	8606.35	407.55	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$9,013.9
Shepard Hme Rd	$200,736.04	$1,902.89	$51,572.00	$115,651.65	$18,000.00	$0.00	$13,609.50	$200,736.04
Rod & Gun Club	$2,800.0	$0.00	$0.00	$2,800.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,800.0
Tenney Farm Rd.	$23,478.4	$0.00	$0.00	$23,478.48	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$23,478.4
Misc.	$104,374.9	$11,652.70	$54,342.50	$32,694.04	$3,120.00	$2,071.16	$494.50	$104,374.9
Grand Totals	$1,911,572.16	$22,299.88	$358,484.56	$1,039,619.12	$37,985.00	$18,522.04	$434,661.56	$1,911,572.16

Zoning Board of Adjustment

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The Zoning Board of Adjustment had numerous applications during the 2005-2006 years. There were eight variances, one equitable waver and one appeal of administration decision. We had several applications that were continued and two motions for a rehearing, which took the Board time to consider.

For the past two years, the Board's operating budget was cut causing us to operate with a deficit. The deficit for the year 2004-2005 was 14% and this year 2005-2006 is estimated to be 24%. We met several times with the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee to voice our concerns, but were unsuccessful in persuading them to increase the budget to proper funding levels.

The Zoning Board meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Town Hall. The office hours are presently 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Wednesday and Friday. Applications can be picked in the ZBA or the Building Inspector's office or can be printed on-line from the town's website. If you have questions, you may contact the office at 887-4343.

The Zoning Board is a means of providing Chester residents relief from the Zoning Ordinances when hardships exist. We are looking for interested individuals who want to serve as board members. The individual must have some knowledge of our zoning ordinances, and be fair and impartial in hearing applications. If you are interested in joining this quasi-judicial board, please contact the Board of Selectmen.

I wish to thank the following board members for volunteering there time in serving the Town of Chester.

Bob Crawford, Vice Chairman	Charlotte Lister
Billie Maloney	Rick Snyder, Planning Board
Kevin Scott	Representative

I wish to thank Janet Boyden, the Administrative Assistant, in taking care of day to day operations. She does a great job in keeping all the Board members informed of court decisions and in handling residents with their applications.

Respectfully yours,

Jean Methot, Chairman

Committee & Board Reports

Chester Community Food Pantry

Coordinator, Chester Community Food Pantry: Mary Hamblett
Phone: 437-3813
Assistant Coordinator: Linda Noyes
Phone: 887-3291

The Chester Community Food Pantry has been generously supported throughout this year. Over the course of the year we have been able to help about thirty families one or more times. We gave 18 boxes at Easter, 21 at Thanksgiving and 25 at Christmas. In addition, 18 families were supplied with Christmas gifts from the Mitten Tree. Except for the Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes, the families "shop" from the shelves of the Pantry and then are given gift cards to either Shaw's or Hannaford's so that they can buy meat, eggs, milk, and other fresh products.

At the holiday times, hams (at Easter) and turkeys (Thanksgiving and Christmas), potatoes, vegetables, fruit, cake and muffin mixes, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, pie mixes, and soups are included in the boxes. Gift cards are also included with greeting cards. The amounts in the boxes are adjusted to the size of the family.

This year in addition to money donations, we have been given squash, turkeys, hams and pizzeria gift cards. Money donations have come from local citizens, Chester Academy professional and para-professional staff, Senior Citizens, Neighborhood Club, St. Paul's Catholic Community, Cub Scout Den # 8, Chestnut Properties, and "The Christmas Room". Chester Academy Students had a food drive before Thanksgiving with a goal of 500 items – over 1000 were donated! We also benefited from the Boy Scout Food Drive. Throughout the year individuals have donated items to the Food Pantry. Because of this generosity, we have been able to share with the Sonshine Soup Kitchen, First Baptist Church Food Pantry, St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry and St. Jude's Food Pantry.

The Pantry is open the fourth Saturday of each month (except November and December) from 9.00am to 12.00 noon and also when needed. A phone call to the church, to Linda Noyes or myself is all that is necessary.

I want to thank all those who have given so generously during the year. Also, a big thank you goes to those who helped fill the boxes, deliver those that needed delivering, and provided presents for the Mitten Tree. At no time have we been unable to help those who have needed help!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hamblett & Linda Noyes

Chester Congregational Baptist Church – Steeple Report

The First Church Congregational was established in 1730 and the first meetinghouse built in 1731. This meetinghouse was 50 ft. x 38 ft., stood a few rods south of the present building and faced the southwest. In 1772, the Congregational parish voted at their annual meeting in March to build a new meetinghouse within the next two years. Of course, there was a bell, which was used to call parishioners to meeting, used at celebrations, and funerals. In 1804 a subscription was collected to install a "Town Clock" in this building owned by the Church. The Town paid $22.14 for the dial of the clock, and $4.38 for installation. The clock never worked right, and another clock was tried in mid 1800's, but it, too, failed, so the Town went many years without a clock. In the 1870's another subscription drive raised more money for another clock, but not enough, so the money sat in a bank account for years. In 1882, banker John W. Noyes used the account to by a new clock dial and hands. "Tongues were set a-wagging" soon thereafter when a large crate was delivered to the door of the church, and inside was the works for a tower clock from the Howard Clock Company of Boston, all donated by Mrs. Abigail Sleeper Knowles. The Town has owned the clock ever since, and although it is now electrified, there was and still is an appointed chronographer for the town, in charge of "winding the clock."

Last the Chester Congregational Baptist Church found a hole in the spire, which was allowing the weather to enter and damage the spire. A firm was contracted to repair the spire beginning August 1, 2005, and the Church began the "Save the Steeple" drive to raise funds to repair the spire. The church was able to raise all the funds needed, but in addition to the spire repair, the three clock faces were found to need paint, so the Church brought to the town, this news. At Town meeting 2005, the voters were asked to create an expendable Trust Fund to be known as the Town Clock and Steeple Maintenance Fund, to appropriate $5000 for the fund, and to cover the cost of painting the faces of the clock. This was approved by the voters.

The Steeplejacks finally arrived, three months late, and then found that there was more intensive structural repair needed to the spire than originally thought, so the whole project was once again, put out to bid. The Church has now contracted with a different contractor to finally make the necessary repairs to the spire, and to paint the three faces of the Town Clock. This is good news, the contracts have been signed and the project will begin on June 1. The cost to the Town for painting of the clock faces, including gold leafing of the numerals, will be less that originally quoted, $4275, a savings to the town.

The Chester Congregational Baptist Church wished to thank the residents of Chester for supporting our Steeple Appeal, helping us to raise the necessary funds. We also thank the voters for having the foresight to create the Town Clock and Steeple Maintenance Fund. It is good to know that there will be money put aside for future repairs to the clock, which is an integral feature to our historic center of our community!

With appreciation,

The Chester Congregational Baptist Church

Chester Historical Society

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CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Chester Historical Society is a non-profit membership organization that exists to promote the study of the history of Chester, the preservation of history through the collection and protection of historical matter, and supports the continuing education of the community of the Town's ever evolving heritage.

The window restoration project at Stevens Memorial Hall, which began in fall 2004, was completed by March 2005. You will recall that the 85% of the cost of this project was funded by private donations to the Stevens Hall Restoration Fund, and from the Historical Society. The remaining 15% came from the Town, as part of building maintenance. The windows of the second floor are now restored with the original old glass, repaired, painted, and replaced with additional insulation around the frames, and new hidden sashes and weather-stripping. They all close tightly, and stay open in the summer. It has made it a much nicer area for events, and now aerobics and yoga classes.

The sprinkler system for Stevens Hall, which was funded by the Town, was completed in early summer. As a result, our office was closed throughout the summer so we could put the walls back together, and clean up. We reopened in September, and still remain open to the public by appointment, and on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

The 4th Grade Walking Tour of Chester Center has become an annual event, and is a hit with the students and parents! The tour takes the classes through three National Historic Sites, the Village Cemetery, the Chester Congregational Church, and Stevens Memorial Hall. The classes continue the tour through the Chester Public Library, and around the Post Office building, the building that houses Chester Hardware, and then to the Civil War Monument. Each building and site has historic significance to the Town. The Tour in interactive, in that the children have a worksheet which helps identify what is different "then vs. now," and provides some of the general history of each site. We look forward to welcoming the 4th grade again this fall!

We were happy to again host our Holiday House Tour on December 3rd. We were offered five homes to tour, and we so appreciate the time that each homeowner took to prepare for this day. It was again a success, and we thank everyone who worked to make it so!

Of course we will look to see you at that Town Fair in September, a time when we will host our celebrated "Village Cemetery Tour." The Society is always very happy to welcome new members. This is a great time to be a member! Please come to our meetings and see, on the 4th Tuesday of each month (January, March, May, July, September, November), 7:00 PM at Steven's Memorial Hall. Membership is open to all individuals, families, businesses, and organizations. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 23, 2006. For further information visit our website, www.chesterhistorical.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary Hall, President

Chester Kitchen

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CHESTER KITCHEN

Chester has a small kitchen that the NH State Bureau of Food Protection has certified for use by commercial food processors. The Town of Chester owns the property which is the kitchen of the former Chester Elementary School, and is located in the back of the Multi-Purpose Room at 84 Chester Street. The Town rents this facility on an hourly basis, which allows any individual or business that is approved for use by the NH State Bureau of Food Protection (BFP), to apply for and maintain a commercial food license, with the Chester Kitchen as their address. Secondly, Chester Organizations and residents, who have priority use of the kitchen, have a better facility in which to prepare foods for events, or non-profit resale.

From a Commercial Food Processor's standpoint (any individual using the kitchen more than 4 times per month, and will sell in retail establishments), this kitchen is perfect for bakers, caterers, and any other type of food product that can be approved by the BFP. From the standpoint of an Occasional Food Processor (an individual who uses the kitchen less than 4 times each month) this kitchen is ideal for one who has lots of fruit to turn into jam, or wants to do a large volume of cooking for a party or non-profit event (If you have rented the Multi-purpose Room for an event, and wish to use the kitchen, you must reserve the kitchen separately, see contacts below)

The Town of Chester rents the Kitchen only on an hourly basis. Fees are collected immediately upon use, and turned over to the Town Clerk for receipt. The Town will take no responsibility for training in food service safety, nor will it provide any marketing assistance. Each processor must provide proof of insurance to use the kitchen, and to indemnify the town from any liability. All State guidelines regarding food service safety are the responsibility of each processor.

We continue to receive inquiries, and we currently offer hours to the following processors:

- Nonies Specialty Food - Pastries
- Green Moose Gardens - Sauces
- Nancy Specialty Foods - Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Lovin Spoonful Caterers
- Wild Roses Market
- Wolf Tree Naturals - Organic BBQ Sauce and Rubs
- Chester Kitchen has launched such processors as
- Spasso Foods - Doriti Gelati
- Emaly's Specialty Foods – Cookies and Bake Goods

The person responsible for scheduling kitchen use (Site Administrator), collecting fees, etc., had been Ms. MacLaughlin until September of 2005. As Co-Site Administrator, I would inspect the kitchen after each use, to ensure that each processor left it in the required state, and I would provide a monthly cleaning of the facility. Since Ms. MacLaughlin left her position, I have volunteered to act in both rolls until a permanent Administrative Assistant can take over as Site Administrator once again. This has allowed me to renew affiliations with a number of agencies that can provide referrals for kitchen use. I have created, and updated a website, and made it easier for potential processors to find all about the kitchen on line. Since September 2005, the Kitchen has gained a renewed licensed processor, and two new processors. The kitchen now sees regular use weekly.

To reserve the kitchen for your personal, or your organization's use, please call me at 206-4786, or email chesterkitchen@yahoo.com. You will need to fill out an application, and you will find that on line at www.chesterkitchen.com.

Hilary Hall, Co-Site Administrator

Chester Senior Citizens

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CHESTER
SENIOR CITIZENS
603 Raymond Road
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The Chester Senior Citizens have been meeting regularly for years, twice each month at Stevens Memorial Hall, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. We have Pot Luck Lunches on the 1st Thursday at Stevens Memorial Hall, and reserve the 3rd for guest speakers, or an outing. The Chester Senior Citizens' is a membership organization, and we are always welcoming new members! Your $5 membership fee (free for seniors 80+) helps to offset some of the costs of our outings (such as admission fees to museums, etc.)

We are now into our third year of enjoying our home at the Wason Pond Community Center. We have exclusive use of the facility between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Thursdays, weekly. There is a senior representative available during those posted hours each day, and you will know we are open by seeing the red, white and blue "OPEN" flag flying from the front porch!

We are always looking for new activities, and currently we offer the following schedule:

- Monday, 10-12, "crafting" and from 1-4, Cribbage, and other games
- Tuesday, 10-11 is Coffee Hour, and you will find most of our membership there for visiting!
- Wednesday is Movie Day...we have a TV, and VCR (soon a DVD Player), and you are invited to watch your favorite movies (we even have microwaves for popcorn!)
- Thursday 10-12 will be reserved for "scrap booking," and the afternoon reserved for Whist, or any game of choice.

This past winter, we had yoga classes on Monday mornings too! The Community Center also offers two computers connected to high speed internet for senior use!

As usual, we were kept busy, with annual events such as:

- Pancake Breakfast
- Annual Picnic in July
- Ice Cream Social in August
- Club Birthday Party in October
- November Annual Tea & Social
- Annual Christmas Party at Stevens Memorial Hall the "Silver Lining Chorus"
- December Craft Sale and Cookie Walk at the Community Center in conjunction with "Holidays in the Village"

We keep moving! Some of our outings this past year have been to:

- Portland, ME on Amtrak's "Down-easter" with lunch at DiMillo's Floating Restaurant
- Boston, MA, Duck Tour and lunch at historic Warren Tavern in Charlestown
- NH Fisher Cats Baseball night out
- JFK Museum and lunch at Anthony's Pier 4 Restaurant

Our newsletter is produced semi-monthly, and can be found in the lobby of the Town Offices, and at the Library. It includes recipes, book reviews, local news highlights, humor, and more. It may also be viewed on line at www.chesterseniors.org, and copies may be printed from that site. Our site also has a copy of our annual schedule, and ideas for future outings. Please take the opportunity to visit! We can be contacted by phone, Mon-Fri, 10-4 at 887-5034, by mail to 603 Raymond Road, Chester, or by email at chesterseniors@yahoo.com.

We look forward to meeting new Chester Senior Citizens, and welcome all new members. Many have joined this past year! We continue to be very grateful to the Town for their Annual contribution to our organization. It is your continued support that keeps us together, and young!

Respectfully,

The Chester Senior Citizens

Joyce Diemer, President · Evelyn Wise, Vice President

Linda Noyes, Secretary · Gen Rowell, Treasurer

Conservation Commission & Strategic Land Protection Committee

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The Chester Conservation Commission is a seven-member, all-volunteer board appointed by the Selectmen under the provisions of N.H, RSA 36-A: 2, which allows municipalities in New Hampshire to establish commissions "for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources." This work includes preparing maps or plans, "keeping an index of open space and natural, aesthetic, or ecological areas: within the town in order to obtain information "pertinent to proper utilization of all such areas." The Commission acts as an advisory board to other town and state boards and agencies involved in land use planning, and works to conserve the natural resources in Chester. The Chester Conservation Commission meets on the first and second Tuesdays of each month. The first meeting is a planning meeting only, and is not televised. The second meeting is used to review subdivision applications, wetlands permit applications, and other matters presented to the Commission for comment. Both meetings are open to the public and input is encouraged.

The Conservation Commission officers are as follows: Charles Myette, Chairman; Greg Lowell, Secretary; Baron Richardson; Treasurer; Camilla Lockwood; Andrew Jeans; David Rand; and Mike Weider (Selectman's representative).

In 2005-2006, the Commission worked on the following projects:

The Strategic Land Protection Commission, voted into existence by town residents in order to better protect open space, is an arm of the Conservation Commission and the two boards work together to educate residents on the advantages of placing conservation easements on their property. The two organizations also make recommendations to the Selectmen on which parcels to protect. Funding for the cost of easements comes from the Land Use Change Tax, which requires landowners to pay a fee equal to 10 percent of the value of each house lot that was previously in current use, and from the $3 million bond approved at the 2001 Town Meeting. To date, 22 properties totaling over 1200 acres have been protected, including the 105-acre former Silver Sands Campground that was purchased for conservation and recreation. The SLPC is currently evaluating the acquisition of 3-4 additional easements for preservation of more than another 150 acres.

Wason Pond and Natural Area- This year the conservation commission has placed easements on 2 properties; 1) Wason Pond Conservation and Recreational Area and 2) the Natural Area (next to Chester Academy).

Easement Monitoring- Every easement purchased by the Town or donated to the Town requires ongoing monitoring by the Commission to ensure that the terms of the easement are being honored. Due to the time consuming nature of this work, the Commission has contracted with organizations such as the Rockingham Land Trust and the Rockingham County Conservation District to perform baseline evaluations on 15 of the protected properties, as well

as a yearly monitoring program. This work (estimated at $400 for a baseline report and $150 for yearly follow-ups per property) is currently funded by a line item in the Commissions annual operating budget. The Commission continues to seek creative and less costly ways to fund this monitoring program.

In addition to the acquired easements, the Commission continues to receive state mandated easements for which it is also responsible for monitoring.

Natural Resources Inventory- 2005 marked the completion of the final stages of the Commission's quest to catalog, define and map our Town's natural resources. The series of Town wide maps includes soil types, wetlands, protected open spaces, larger unfragmented areas, and wildlife corridors.

Open-Space Plan – This year the Conservation Commission through a grant from The State of NH Department of Environmental Services, Natural Resources OutReach Coalition program, worked with the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission to develop an Open Space Master plan to help the various Town Commissions, Planning Boards, Selectmen, and Committees, develop strategies on acquiring and protecting the Towns open space. A public hearing was held in March. The plan has been completed and copies are available through either the Conservation Commission or the Planning Board.

Wason Pond Master Plan – The conservation Commission in cooperation with the Wason Pond Advisory Committee worked with Ann Poole Associates to develop a Wason Pond Master Plan to be used as a guide for the management of the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreational Area. Copies of the Plan are available through either the Conservation Commission or the Wason Pond Advisory Committee.

Wetlands Protection District - The Commission has drafted zoning change amendments to Section 5.7 of the Town of Chester Zoning Regulations. The establishment of the district is not new but the changes help to better understand the intent of the regulation by providing definitions of wetlands, vernal pools, buffers, and Environmental Impact Assessments. The Changes are based upon the State's Best Management Practices for activities conducted within wetland areas.

Wetland Mapping- The conservation commission also contracted with Oak Hill Environmental to map all wetlands of 2 acres of more and define areas of Prime Quality Wetlands that deserve special protection for water resources, flood control, water quality protection and wildlife management. Copies of these maps are available through the Conservation Commission.

Land Use Change Tax-The Current Use assessment program has been in effect in New Hampshire since 1973. It is a voluntary program that lets landowners be taxed on the basis of their land's current use-not its potential developed use. It has been a tremendously successful program, allowing owners of parcels over 10 acres to avoid burdensome taxes and keep large tracts undeveloped. About 38% of all land in Rockingham County is in current use. Whenever a parcel of land no longer qualifies for the current use tax rate because it is being developed or subdivided, a 10 percent land use change tax (LUCT)- based on the full market value –is paid by the landowner. Chester along with over 120 New Hampshire towns has voted to turn over 100 percent of these funds to its Conservation Commission to be used to acquire easements on parcels or the outright purchase of land. This helps to offset the impact of the rampant development of our town's property and reduces the potential strain on our municipal services.

Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC) - The Exeter River begins as a small stream in the protected Herrick Woods of Chester and gains strength from several tributaries before it tumbles over the dam in downtown Exeter and changes its identity to the tidal Squamscot River. Along the way it passes through the communities of Sandown, Danville, Raymond, Fremont, Brentwood, and Exeter. In order to help ensure the continued good health of this watershed, an easement has been drafted to protect the Exeter River corridor where it passes through Chester. ERLAC is a committee made up of members of all the towns through which the Exeter River flows. The committee is charged with developing a river corridor management plan and advising the DES and riverfront towns on matters affecting the river. The Chester Conservation Commission contributes $200 annually to ERLAC, and two of its members- Camilla Lockwood and Greg Lowell- represent Chester on the committee.

Other activities:

The Commissions trails sub-committee (headed by Andrew Jeans) continues to work to map, maintain, and preserve the Town's bridle paths, and hiking/biking trails. A GPS unit will be purchased this year by the Commission to help map and track changes to trails in this rapidly changing community.

Two grants have been obtained by the Conservation Commission this year to restore the natural habitat around the denuded Wason Pond area.

Exeter River Local Advisory Committee

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Discovering the Past, Preserving the Future

The Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC) celebrated its 9th year of stewardship of the river and watershed in 2005. Once again, the highlight of the year was the Annual Exeter River Alewife Festival held for the fifth year on June 4th along Swasey Parkway in downtown Exeter. Over 700 people strolled along the Parkway to talk with dozens of organizations and individuals involved in protecting natural resources in the region. The third annual canoe and kayak race was held and once again paddlers raced along a course set on the tidal Squamscott River. Plans are underway for the 6th Festival and another canoe and kayak race to be held June 3, 2006 along Swasey Parkway.

In addition to organizing the Festival, ERLAC held the sixth annual spring vernal pool workshop in Sandown. With support from the Sandown Conservation Commission, ERLAC representative Patrick Seekamp of Brentwood and his brother Michael led this hands-on workshop designed for families. Children and adults waded into pools scattered throughout the forest to identify salamanders, turtles and clusters of frog eggs. Development of forestland threatens vernal pools in every watershed community.

ERLAC's fall workshop focused on inventorying wildlife in our backyards. Staff from the UNH Cooperative Extension Service led a workshop in October in Brentwood that taught participants how to create and maintain wildlife habitat in fields and woodlots. Establishing and protecting corridors for wildlife to travel throughout the watershed is a prime concern of the Committee.

The history of the Exeter River is told in a delightful book written by Exeter native Olive Tardiff almost twenty years ago. ERLAC has updated the book, Exeter-Squamscott, River of Many Uses, with additional historical photographs and new text. Please contact ERLAC at 778-0885 to purchase a copy.

Protection of water quantity and quality are the primary topics of discussion at monthly ERLAC meetings. With support from the NH Estuaries Project, the NH Coastal Program and the NH Department of Environmental Services, ERLAC representatives and staff from the Rockingham Planning Commission continue to work with Planning Boards and Conservation Commission in the watershed to protect shoreline and uplands.

For 2006, ERLAC will continue to partner with Conservation Commissions and Planning Boards in the ten watershed communities to provide education and outreach programs highlighting protection of water quality and quantity, wildlife habitat, and scenic and recreational resources in the watershed. Visit ERLAC's website, www.exeterriver.org, for more information on ERLAC activities.

ERLAC meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood. Representatives are needed from your community. Please call the Rockingham Planning Commission at 778-0885 for more information.

Forest Fire Report

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or http://www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at http://www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Causes of Fire reported	Number
Arson	2
Campfire	34
Children	29
Smoking	40
Debris	284
Railroad	1
Equipment	7
Lightning	5
Misc.*	111

Year	Total Fires	Total Acres
2005	513	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187

(*Misc. incl. power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

Highway Safety Commission

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The Highway Safety Committee continues to strive to achieve the goals set forth in our Mission Statement and to meet the requirements set forth in NH RSA 238.

The Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Chester Police Department. Residents from different sections of town are still needed as volunteers on the Committee. It is important for the Committee to have a variety of viewpoints from throughout the town on road issues.

Highway safety issues discussed throughout the year were as follows:

1. Installation of signs at Spollett's Store indicating "Do Not Enter" and "Not an Exit".
2. A new "Be Prepared to Stop" sign was installed on Fremont Road.
3. Halloween proved to be uneventful. The big issue noted was drivers continuing to park along Chester Street. Parking along Chester Street forces pedestrians out into the road creating a potential problem.

Projects that receive funding from the NH Highway Safety Agency must relate directly to problems or potential problems that have been identified through the analysis of available traffic record data. The Town of Chester received a Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Grant that was utilized during the summer of 2005.

Members of the Committee continue to monitor the school bus evacuation drills held at Chester Academy. A report of this Committee's observations is made to the school and bus company following the drills. Chester Police Department noted an abuse of the handicapped parking at Chester Academy and was able to resolve the issue. Signs were installed on school property requiring two lanes of traffic to help relieve traffic backup on Murphy Drive.

The Committee continues to review the reports of accidents that have occurred on Town roads over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Highway Safety Committee

Chief Alfred J. Wagner, Police Department · Colin Costine , Fire Department

Gene Charron, State Representative · Michael Weider, Board of Selectmen

Cynthia J. Robinson, Planning Board · Robert Brown, Road Agent

Christopher Atwood, School Board · Charlotte Lister

Colonel Richardson D Benton (Honorary Member) · Arvin Congleton

Library

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Library Trustees, Chair: Mary-Beth Ditoro
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The Chester Public Library is the town library and as such, every town resident is eligible to use the many services and resources the library has to offer. Libraries are not just for books any more!

Did you know that we offer videos and DVD's for adults and children? We have books on CD as well as cassette. We subscribe to over 50 magazines including teen and children's magazines as well as 2 area newspapers. The library also offers passes to nine area museums.

At present the library has a total of 46,197 materials, a figure that changes weekly as we get shipments of new items almost daily. We have Internet access for eligible users as well as a copy machine and a fax machine.

We have a low-vision magnification machine donated by the Lion's club and we also have collection boxes for the SPCA, used eyeglasses for the Lion's club and cell phones for seniors.

We put on many seasonal story times, special programs, and theme days throughout the year. We host many clubs, organizations and school groups for tours every year. We also run a very successful 5-week reading program every summer with over 200 children participating. This past summer we introduced a program for 9-14 year olds, which had a fantastic turnout.

You may not be aware that the appropriation we receive from the town is only a portion of the library's operating budget. We also receive trust fund interest from trusts held by the town that were left for the library. We also are continually fortunate to receive many monetary donations throughout the year from you, our generous patrons. These donations allow us to purchase many books we would not otherwise be able to provide.

In September, we hold our annual cookie walk at the town fair to supplement our book budget and we hold other raffles and fundraisers as well to keep our programs going. We are also fortunate to have an active Friends of the Library group that puts on two fundraisers a year which help to support not only our summer program but purchase museum passes and other needed library items as well. Our fundraising, combined with donations from the "friends" and residents, are what enable us to provide many of the special programs and "extras" that our patrons have become accustomed to.

If you were to divide the appropriation amount we received last year by the number of current Chester residents you will see that all of the resources and services listed above are provided to you at a cost of only $21.50 a year. When you think of how much it costs to rent movies on a weekly basis or purchase a brand new hardcover book which costs $25.95 or that your average yearly magazine subscription costs $19.95; your very own library located right in the center of town, provides all of these things and more. What a bargain!

Just for comparison, the Chester Academy Library combined book budget last year was $13,500. Our book budget was $15,000. That's a difference of only $1,500 and our book budget has to cover EVERY age bracket (not just children and youth) for the entire population of the Chester.

In this time of budget cuts and belt tightening we will be doing our best to continue to provide you with the services and materials you have become accustomed too, however there will be some areas we will have to cut back on. Regardless, the staff will still be here ready to help you check out some of our 46,000 materials and we encourage those of you who have not been in the library before to please come and see us. We cannot run without your support.

This is YOUR library so stop in soon and we look forward to seeing even more of you next year!

Submitted by

Melissa Rossetti

Library Staff

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Public Access Community Television (Channel 21)

PUBLIC ACCESS COMMUNITY TELEVISION COMMITTEE (PACT)

The Public Access Community Television Committee (PACT) exists to ensure that the Franchise Agreement between the Town of Chester and Adelphia Communications, effective April 1, 2003 through March 30, 2013, operates without incident, and to manage the funds received from Adelphia as a result of this agreement. Since April 1, 2003, the Town continues to receive franchise fees of subscribers' cable bills in the amount of 1% quarterly. This money is reserved in the PACT Fund, and is delegated in thirds, for the maintenance of Public and Government (CTV-21), Education (CETV-22).

Most recently, the PACT committee has been involved with a Cable Television Transfer. Comcast has placed a bid to by the bankrupt Adelphia, and in anticipation of the courts ruling in favor of this transaction, Comcast submitted their request for approval from the Town of Chester, as well as many other communities in New Hampshire. As we did in the past when Adelphia bought Harron Communications, the Town of Chester joined with 8 other communities to form the Southern NH Cable Consortium. This allowed us a little more "clout" with Comcast, and also we shared the legal expenses of Attorney Peter Epstein of Boston. Mr. Epstein represented Chester with Adelphia during our Franchise negotiations, and he is the counsel of record for communities throughout New Hampshire and Massachusetts when it comes to Cable Television negotiations. The Transfer was approved on October 31, 2005. All this means to subscribers is that if/when the bankruptcy court rules, Comcast could become our single cable operator in Chester.

You will probably ask why only a single cable operator? For another operator to seek Chester for a franchise, they would have to be willing to totally rewire the town, for all the cable and associated equipment in town currently, is owned by Adelphia. That is a huge expense, and cable operators are reluctant to spend such money, if they could not command the larger share. You will have heard that Verizon is breaking into the "cable" market. In communities where Verizon is the telephone operator, which would be most of NH, but not Chester, Verizon is already rebuilding their system to accommodate cable television as well as telephone.

The PACT committee meets as needed review the needs presented to them by CTV-21, and CETV-22. CTV-21 now covers both the Public and Government side of local cable access. and continues to provide live cablecast of all meetings of Town government, and programming produced locally by CTV-21, as well as other programs received from outside sources. CTV-21 has installed a "plug and play" system between the Mutli-Purpose Room, and our studio, to make it easier to cablecast and/or record live events from the MPR. This makes it much easier to bring to you the School District Meeting, and Town meeting, and hopefully, many more live events from the MPR. It is a goal now, to set up our third Channel 20 (according to Franchise Agreement) to be used in the future for Government programming only. We endeavor to accomplish this before Comcast takes over.

In the past year, you have seen CETV-22, the Education Channel grow to offer you sports from Chester Academy, and other programming, as well as the monthly School Board Meeting. The

Academy has an active Audio/Video Club, and volunteer program coordinator who keep the line up active.

The Town of Chester has had an excellent partnership with Adelphia Communications, and we hope to have the same relationship with Comcast. We continue to ensure that Public Access Community Television in Chester can be maintained without any impact to your tax dollars.

The PACT Committee

Hilary Hall - Chair,

Bob Grimm - Co-Chair,

Richard & Marge Godfrey,

Lenny Stein,

Barbara King

Recycling & Solid Waste Committee

Transfer Station Staff: Bonnie& Lloyd Healey
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Board of Selectmen Office Hours: Monday through Friday; 8:00am – 4:00pm
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We would like to dedicate this report to the residents of Chester committed to preserving the environment and reducing the Town's expenses by their recycling.

For 2005 the waste stream totaled 1060 tons, of which 401 tons were recycled. Of these 401 tons, 292 tons were kitchen / household recyclables (glass, plastic, cans, paper etc.). The average cost of recycling these materials was only $2.00 per ton, versus $86.87 per ton for the compactor waste disposal. Because of this the recycling program resulted in a net savings of at least $22,491. This is an impressive number considering the total disposal cost of the waste that went into the compactor was $57,225.

Overall, the percentage of the Transfer Station waste stream that was recycled was 38%. As we keep noting year after year, we are committed to striving to achieve the 40% recycling goal set for all municipalities by the EPA and State. The goal is still easily achievable if everyone would be a bit more diligent with their recycling.

Summary of Recycling Tonnages:

Newspaper *	54.5 tons
Magazines *	29.1 tons
Mixed Paper *	81.7 tons
Cardboard *	38.4 tons
Scrap Metal	92.0 tons
Co-mingled Cans *	9.0 tons
Aluminum Cans *	3.1 tons
#1 & #2 Plastics *	19.1 tons
Clear Glass *	19.5 tons
Brown Glass *	18.1 tons
Green Glass *	19.9 tons
Tires	4.6 tons
Car Batteries	3.0 tons
TVs & Computers	3.1 tons
Used Motor Oil	6.4 tons
TOTAL	**401.4 tons**

(*Kitchen / household recyclables)

The Committee continues to strive to increase recycling and decrease waste disposal costs. The consensus still is that currently we have reached the practical limits to the complexity of the program. We therefore do not anticipate any significant additions or changes to the program in the future, unless mandated by law.

There will one special warrant article this year pertaining to the Transfer Station. Voter approval is being sought to build a 20'x20' storage building for approximately $15,000. The purpose of this building will be to house the aluminum can recycling trailer, motor cart, used motor oil tank and oil filter barrels. The building will also be used to store sofas, mattresses and other furniture between hauls. These have to be kept dry, because they will weigh a lot more if allowed to become wet, and will therefore cost substantially more to dispose of.

The Transfer Station's annual waste stream tonnages continue to be relatively level which does not correspond with Chester's continued growth. One explanation is that many new residents are not fully aware of the Transfer Station facility and its ease of use. Some have chosen to pay additional costs to independent contractors for curbside disposal or dumpsters. We would like to take this opportunity to invite new residents to visit the facility and meet our staff. The facility is open to the public Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and Saturdays from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

In closing we would like to encourage any citizens with constructive ideas for improvements or who are interested in serving on the committee, to please talk to one of our Transfer Station staff or contact the Office of Selectmen at 887-4979 for information on our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hadik

Members

Bonnie Healey

Lloyd Healey

Barbara King

Stephen Landau, Selectman Liaison

Road Name Advisory Committee

Judith Balk – Chair
Phone: 887-2536
Camilla Lockwood – Planning Board Liaison
Phone: 887-3271

The committee met very infrequently during the past year. Although several names were presented for consideration, only Jenkins Farm Road, off Route 121, was accepted, the others having been sent back for re-submission, based on published criteria, and suggestions.

Now that the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area has transitioned from a campground, a number of tree names have become available for future use.

The Committee does not meet on any regular basis, however, the meetings are open to the public and every effort is made to post timely notices at the town offices and post office.

Anyone wishing to inquire about a road name or offer a name for consideration should contact Judith Balk (887-2536) or Camilla Lockwood (887-3271). The Committee is currently seeking new members, having reluctantly accepted resignations from Gladys Nicoll and Sara D'Agostino. Volunteer applications may be obtained at the town offices.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Camilla Lockwood, Planning Board Liaison

Members

Judith Balk, Chair

Ann Parnell, Vice Chair

Colin Costine

Greg Lowell

Ex Officio: John Colman and Evelyn Noyes

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help the dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of your appointed representatives the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of your Planning Board and/or Board of Selectmen. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps your officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation, and in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Chester during the past year are as follows:

1. Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture Series, which was attended by Chester officials;
2. Conducted traffic counts at 16 (sixteen) locations in the Town of Chester and forwarded data to the Town's Planning Board Chair;
3. Prepared and completed a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the town, which has received FEMA approval;
4. Assisted the Conservation Commission and Planning Board in preparing an Open Space Plan, and updated Natural Resource Inventory maps for the town;
5. Conducted National Flood Insurance Program Community Assistance Visit on September 13, 2005, with Planning, Zoning, and Building Department staff on behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency;
6. Hosted Development of Regional Impacts, Review of Growth Management and Impact Fee Ordinances for SNHPC Planners' Roundtable Meetings which were attended by Chester officials;
7. Hosted Water Supply Planning Forum held on October 12, 2005 at PSNH, which was attended by Chester officials;
8. Hosted Brownfield's Grant Application Initiative held on November 29, 2005 at PSNH, which was attended by Chester officials;

9. Facilitated I-93 Expansion meetings with NHDOT, which were attended by Chester officials;
10. Participated in Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce Regional Infrastructure Summit, which was attended by Chester officials;
11. Facilitated discussions regarding Rockingham County Economic Development Plan held in Derry, which was attended by Chester officials.

Chester's Representatives to the Commission are:

Jean G. Methot – Treasurer

Albert W. Hamel - Executive Committee Member

Spring Hill Farm

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The year 2005 proved to be a time for change and transition for Spring Hill Farm. For those of you new to Chester, Spring Hill Farm and its 400 acres of fields, ponds and woodlands were donated in 1996 to the Town of Chester by Miss Muriel Church. Miss Church chose a life as an educator during the time when teachers had to be single and would have to resign upon marriage. She lived most of her years at the farm since a young girl and never did marry, choosing instead a single teacher's life. She often referred to the residents of Chester as her children and indeed taught many of them in the Chester School System. Later in life she would continue teaching for all those who would visit with one of her many entertaining stories while sitting on her porch or in the kitchen. Chester Academy was dedicated to her upon its opening in acknowledgement for all Miss Church has done for the Town of Chester. It seemed only natural that she bequeathed her farm to her children, the residents of Chester.

Miss Church had only three primary wishes for the future of her farm. The farm should be used by the residents of Chester for recreational and educational activities, the farm continues to be a working farm for as long as economically feasible, and that the animals on the property, upon her death, be allowed to reside on the farm for their natural lives.

Unfortunately, Miss Church passed away in 2001 just two years prior to her 100th birthday. Prior to her death, Miss Church set up a Board of Trustees to oversee the farm's day-to-day activities and she created a Trust Fund to help defray some of the necessary costs for its operation. In addition to the Trust fund, the Trust, rents the farmhouse and one of the fields to help defray the daily operation costs. This year the farm will be entirely supported through these efforts.

This past winter the Trustees were hoping to return the long awaited sleigh rides back to the farm but unfortunately insurance issues did not allow doing so. The Trustees are working to return this activity as soon as possible A few years ago, after visiting the Audubon Nature Center in Auburn; a local Girl Scout Troop made their own blue bird houses and placed them strategically on the property. The houses have been very successful with many baby blue birds, and swallows being born. Last year a Cub Scout Troop cleaned out the bird houses with anticipation for another generation of blue birds to return. In addition, the Derry Trail Riders and a local 4H riding club completed their annual equine trail rides (one was a 3 day camp over on the North Chester property). The property is available for use and we encourage interested local groups to contact any member of the Trust.

A local contractor completed some structural work on the barn's post & beam timber framing and resided the south side outside wall to match the barns original appearance. The farm is currently self-sustaining and the tenant is assisting the town by cleaning up the property, maintaining buildings, equipment and necessary fences. The tenant also cares for the farm animals living on the property. Early in 2006 the farm had its first new arrival, a black & white calf named Norma.

The Trustees are interested in new ideas, large or small, on how residents can better utilize the farm and encourage residents to visit to see the animals, walk the many trails or just to explore. We do ask that you protect the privacy of our tenant and not enter the farmhouse unless invited and let us know if you need to continue activities after dark. The property offers untold opportunities for civic organization, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc. for gardening, farming, or nature activities as well as any other project that you can think of that is within the scope of the conservation easement that Miss Church placed on the property prior to her death. Please contact one of the Trustees if you would like to start a project at the farm.

Suggestion: The blue birdhouses need annual maintenance for continued success and offer an easy early spring or fall project for Scouts.

Respectively submitted,

SPRING HILL FARM TRUSTEES

Members

Brad Wamsley, Chair

Patty Murray, Treasurer

Chuck Myette, Conservation Commission Representative

Lynn Jackson

Stephen Landau, Selectman Representative

Supervisors of the Checklist

Chairperson – Barbara Hatch
Phone: 887-4344

The year began quietly from July through December with no elections in the latter half of 2005. In December we placed our computer needs out to bid, received a computer, and joined the world of the internet! This was needed in order to meet new state requirements. We will soon receive a fireproof filing cabinet for our records.

The Help America Vote Act {HAVA} while making it easier for citizens to register to vote, has also added more safeguards to be certain our checklists are accurate statewide.

The next step is the state's interim program, eHarbor, which will transition our information into the permanent program, ElectioNet. ElectioNet should be ready in September in time for the Primary Election.

During January, February, and March we've been extremely busy entering the information from the voter registration forms into the computer for nearly 3,000 voters. Now we must format the list to the new program's specifications.

Also this year we have held numerous sessions for the correction of the checklist to register new voters on Saturdays and on Tuesday evenings as required by state law.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Hatch, Chairperson, 2010

Dianna Charron, 2011

Karl Knudsen, 2008

Town Fair

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The Chester Town Fair is an annual non-profit event put on by the volunteer efforts of a 3-member committee. This event, which takes place, traditionally, on the 1st Saturday after Labor Day every year, is a family-oriented day geared towards bringing the community together. This is the biggest fundraising day for all of Chester's clubs, groups and organizations that choose to participate. The fair itself is run on the money received for the spaces sold and from an annual raffle held the day of the fair.

The money the town appropriates for the professional firework display that ends the fair is a mere fraction of what that show truly costs. Dan Dwyer of Chester and his crew from Atlas Pyrotechnics put on a $30,000+ display, which only costs us about $7,500. For those of you who have seen the show, know it rivals any in the state as well as those put on at Disney and I think you'll agree that what we pay is an absolute bargain. The donations we collect at the end of the show go towards next years display. We collect these donations as there are hundreds of people who come from out of town to see the show for free and this money along with the town's appropriation enables us to continue to bring you a fantastic, quality show.

The town fair, which benefits so many groups, is such a positive event and is a true testament to the volunteer spirit present in this community. There is no charge to attend the fair and during the course of the day you can save a life by giving blood up at the Firehouse or by checking your child's car seat installation. You can help the Girl scouts by participating in their midway and the Boy scouts by buying fried dough all while listening free of charge to the entertainment provided throughout the day. You are able to help the church by eating at the BBQ, you contribute to the Library's book fund by buying a bag of cookies, and you support the D.A.R.E. program by buying glow necklaces. The pie bake-off and auction is a fun and friendly competition with the proceeds from the auction donated by the fair committee to the Chester food pantry every year. This day is about being a part of your community, meeting your neighbors, and supporting great organizations like the Historical society, the Mom's club, and the Lion's club to name a few.

Every aspect of the fair, from the parade that kicks it off, right through to the fireworks at night is made possible through the volunteerism and spirit of 3 ladies who care very much for the town and the community in which they live and serve and who hope to be able to continue to bring this event to you in the years to come. Your individual and group participation in the actual day is what helps make it such a fun and successful event for everyone. We'd like to thank you all for your continued support and participation over the years and we will see you all at next year's fair on Saturday, September 9, 2006.

Submitted by

Melissa Rossetti

Members

Vaughn McGillen

Hilary Hall

Tree Warden

Tree Warden: Cynthia J. Robinson
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My goal as Chester's Tree Warden continues to be the promotion of safe, healthy and attractive trees for the Town of Chester. In observance of Arbor Day, which for the State of New Hampshire is the last Friday of April, please consider planting a tree. If you are interested in planting a tree and would like to know what trees are native to this region, you can e-mail me at treestump013@aol.com.

A new project for the "tree group" is working with Chester residents who are interested in planting a tree within the cul-de-sac on town roads. The tree planted must be native to the region and a maintenance program must be created. When the Planning Board amends their subdivision regulations, I would like to present them with recommendations requiring the landscaping of cul-de-sacs. Currently, subdivision regulations only require the cul-de-sac to be open and seeded.

The bulletin board in the front hallway at the Municipal Building has miscellaneous information about trees. One of my fellow group members found a fun item on line, "What Tree Did You Fall From?" You look up your birth date and match it to a specific tree and then read what the characteristics of that tree are. Stop by and see what tree you fell from.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia J. Robinson - Tree Warden

Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area

Chair: Hilary Hall
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The Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area Advisory Board has met regularly to continue the plan to turn the former Campground into a area where the public can go to enjoy a quiet, natural place to walk, hike, cross country ski, walk dogs, horseback ride, canoe, kayak, picnic, and swim.

The board has finalized the conservation easement, which will allow the property to be used only for its intended purpose – outdoor recreation and open space. The easement is the only legal method that ensures future town administrators or a vote at Town Meeting cannot sell off parts of the property to developers or use it for other than its intended recreational and conservation purposes. The Easement has been presented to the Board of Selectmen, which has their necessary signatures, and is now in the hands of the Rockingham County Conservation District, as they will oversee the easement.

At the same time, we created and finalized a Master Plan for the property. The plan provides accurate information about existing conditions and possible uses for the property as well as how we will achieve development of the long-term recreation and conservation goals. The plan will ultimately be incorporated into the Town's Master Plan. To make the Master Plan work, we are asking the voters to approve the transition of the current Advisory Board to the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area Commission. This will give the board budgetary authority to raise and appropriate funds, and move the lines of the Town's budget that manage the property under the auspice of either Government Building, and Recreation, to a Wason Pond line. We hope the voters will authorize this move to be effective July 1, 2007, giving the commission a year to put "all the pieces" together.

The Town can see that the Mom's Club Playground has finally been located at Wason Pond, in a area just west of the Community Center. There is still much finish work to be done, but there are a group of volunteers committed to finishing this project for the children of Chester to enjoy this summer.

Site plans have been completed for the proposed athletic fields, parking, and road changes, and the Recreation Department is working on funding these projects in 2006.

Portions of the back part of the property will be planted with grasses, trees, and shrubs to correct damage caused by years of overuse. The plantings will promote wildlife habitat. The Town applied for and received a grant in the amount of $4400 from the New Hampshire DES Watershed Restoration program. The money, which will be matched by volunteer time and equipment, will be used to replant eroded shoreline around Wason Pond with 750 shrubs and trees, remove unwanted shoreline structures (docks and bulkheads), remove several back-flowing unused septic lines at old campsites, and excavate a trench behind the beach to alleviate the iron staining on the beach.

We have also been approached by several potential Eagle Scouts about various projects. One completed project by Chris Snyder was his mapping the trails via GPS, creating weatherproof

maps, and mounting these maps at trail entrances and intersections. Walking or biking through the trail system is much easier now since he completed this project. Tommy Ciccarello would like to create a foot bridge over the dam, and Aaron Landau is planning on making exterior restoration to the barn this summer!

Speaking of the dam, we have discovered that it will need considerable repair to the concrete structure before we can replace the dam boards. If left unrepaired, we could lose the dam altogether. We have been in contact with the Board of Selectmen regarding this matter, and we hope to make repairs enough to get through this summer, and plan for a major repair in the fall.

Most importantly, since the Master Plan is completed, the next step for the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area Advisory Committee is to evolve into a management body for this property. Rather than have budgetary responsibility be split between three current presiding boards, Conservation, Recreation, and General Government, the Master plan requires the establishment of an independent committee with budgetary authority to oversee the preservation and management of the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area. This committee would consist of the similar make up of our current Advisory Board, but instead of being merely advisory in nature, it will have budgetary authority to manage the property. This will not create an additional budget to the Town, but consolidate those areas of the budget as managed by the three boards mentioned above. Current and future use, and all budgetary concerns of the Wason Pond Property will be directed to the newly formed committee.

To this end, the voters will find a Warrant Article addressing this transition at the May 10, 2006 Town meeting. The article will read, "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transition of the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area Advisory Committee to an independent commission to oversee the preservation and management of the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area. The committee will have seven voting members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and will consist of 2 (two) Conservation Commission representatives, 2 (two) Recreation Commission representatives, one Board of Selectmen representative, one Finance & Budget representative, one At-Large representative, 2 (two) alternates, and non-voting member(s) as needed (e.g. Rockingham County Conservation District). The new Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission would become effective on July 1, 2007." Upon the authorization of the voters, this committee will engage the next year to implement it's charter, create by-laws, and plan the consolidation of the budget for fiscal 2007. We look forward to your support of this warrant article!

The Wason Pond Advisory Committee currently meets on the 1s Monday of each month (the 3rd Monday as needed), 7 PM at the Wason Pond Community Center, and we welcome the public to attend.

We hope that all residents will take the opportunity to enjoy this valuable property, and enjoy this quiet open space throughout the year.

Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Advisory Board

Hilary Hall, Chairperson

Brad Wamsley

Greg Lowell Camilla Lockwood

Bill Chirgwin, Bill Lonergan

Rules & Regulations for Wason Pond

Conservation & Recreation Area

Hours – Dawn to Dusk (Basic guidelines – Contact Recreation Commission if significant time is necessary before or after dusk)

Carry In – Carry Out (No public trash receptacles are provided)

No smoking or alcoholic beverages.

No OHRVs. This includes ATVs, snowmobiles and dirt bikes.

Only authorized vehicles permitted beyond the bridge – foot traffic only.

Primitive camping (Tent) allowed in designated areas. (Prior arrangement must be made with the Recreation Commission)

Camp Fires by permit only.

All pets must be under the direct control of the owner, and none are allowed on beach when other people are utilizing the beach. Owners are responsible for picking up after their pets. (Pets are allowed in water away from beach area)

No horses on beach or in water.

No discharge of firearms.

No motorized (Fuel) watercraft.

Wilcomb Townsend Trust

7/1/04 – 6/30/05

These funds are available to Chester residents of any age to help with fuel, medications, or other necessities. We also offer help to anyone interested that qualifies in obtaining Life Line through the Rockingham County Community Action Services. We have certificates from Walmart to help with prescription costs. We do accept donations & 100% of donated funds go directly to help citizens of Chester in need. Contact any trustee with questions about either donating funds or requesting assistance.

	Trustee Fund	Donated Fund	Total Fund
Beginning Balance 7/1/04	**$0.00**	**$3,185.40**	**$3,185.40**
Receipts	$5,603.25	$10,415.00	$16,018.25
Disbursements			
Fuel & Utilities	$350.59	$993.88	$1,344.47
Clothing	$0.00	$63.24	$63.24
Annual Filing Fee	$75.00	$0.00	$75.00
Medical Expenses	$0.00	$4,081.00	$4,081.00
School Assistance	$0.00	$4,300.00	$4,300.00
Certificates	$3,000.00	$0.00	$3,000.00
Postage	$0.00	$19.40	$19.40
House Maintenance	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00
Trustee Expense	$0.00	$65.00	$65.00
Rent	$1,177.66	$1,258.31	$2,435.97
Total Disbursements	$5,603.25	$10,780.83	$16,384.08
Ending Balance 6/30/05	**$0.00**	**$2,819.57**	**$2,819.57**

Trustees

Tina Butterfield (2009)

Dianna Charron (2010)

Barbara Dolloff (2006)

Lisa Oleson (2007)

Cynthia Tunberg (2008)

Vital Statistics

Births, Marriages & Deaths

Department of State
Division of Vital Records Administration
Resident Birth Report
07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
LAVENTURE, KATHERINE ANN	07/16/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	LAVENTURE, VAN	LAVENTURE, JEANNE
FRAZIER, LUCAS JAMES	07/20/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	FRAZIER, DOUGLAS	FRAZIER, MARY
DUNWOODY, LOCHLAIN ANNETTE WOLF	07/28/2004	DERRY, NH	DUNWOODY, NICHOLAS	WOLFER, LAURA
RANDALL, JOHN AUSTIN	09/02/2004	DERRY, NH	RANDALL, SCOTT	RANDALL, DIANE
JUNG, NICHOLAS CONNOR	09/08/2004	DERRY, NH	JUNG, MICHAEL	JUNG, ANDREA
QUINN, BRIDGET MADELINE	09/13/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	QUINN TIMOTHY	WAREN, JILL
WILSON, CLAIRE MERCY	09/15/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	WILSON, PHILIP	WILSON, JENNIFER
RUTLEDGE, SYDNEY ELIZABETH	09/28/2004	DERRY, NH	RUTLEDGE, LONNIE	BAKER, TIMRA
HUEBNER, MATTHEW CHRISTOPHER	09/28/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	HUEBNER, MARK	HUEBNER, TRICIA
JASPER, NATHAN ROBERT	10/06/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	JASPER, MICHAEL	JASPER, JUDITH
HERNANDEZ, DEBRAH ISABEL	10/17/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	HERNANDEZ, JOSE	HERNANDEZ, KATTIA
STARIKNOK, ELIZABETH NICOLE	10/27/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	STARIKNOK, MICHAEL	CARSEN, DAVI
MAHER, SAMUEL TERENCE	11/24/2004	DERRY, NH	MAHER, JEFFREY	MAHER, LEIGHANN
TOTH, KENDALL ELIZABETH	11/30/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	TOTH, JOHN	TOTH, TAMMY
STINSON, TEAGAN KATHERINE	12/08/2004	CONCORD, NH	STINSON, ERIC	STINSON, MELISSA
ST JEAN, NATHANIEL MATTHEW	12/11/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	ST JEAN, JASON	ST JEAN, SARAH
ZAMBROWICZ, GRAHAM ROBERT	12/14/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	ZAMBROWICZ, BRUCE	ZAMBROWICZ, HEATHER
ZAMBROWICZ, CAMDEN JOHN	12/14/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	ZAMBROWICZ, BRUCE	ZAMBROWICZ, HEATHER
HOLSKE, SARAH ANN	12/19/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	HOLSKE, MARK	HOLSKE, LAURA
KISTLER, MALCOLM ALLEN	01/03/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	KISTLER, KEVIN	KISTLER, RABEKAH
GAUG, SCOTT MICHAEL	01/06/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	GAUG, MATTHEW	GAUG, DENISE
MALLOCH, MARLENA ROSE	01/07/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MALLOCH, RICHARD	MALLOCH, TRACY
COLLARD, SYDNEY ELIZABETH	01/17/2005	DERRY, NH	COLLARD, SHAWN	COLLARD, SUSAN
DUFFY, AILIS	01/26/2005	DERRY, NH	DUFFY, WAYNE	WALSH, MELISSA
RUBIO, DIEGO ALDEN	01/29/2005	NASHUA, NH	RUBIO, SERGIO	MOSES, STEFANIE
SLATER, EVAN THOMAS	03/01/2005	EXETER, NH	SLATER, THOMAS	SLATER, AMY
TITONE, SOPHIA HELEN	03/10/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	TITONE, RALPH	COLEMAN-TITONE, KAREN
WEBB, MEGAN DORIS	04/07/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WEBB, BRIAN	WEBB, COLLEEN
TREMBLAY, SAMANTHA GRACE	04/09/2005	DERRY, NH	TREMBLAY, GASTON	TREMBLAY, CHERYL
STUART, MICHAEL JOSEPH	04/30/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	STUART, EDWARD	STUART, PATRICIA
VERRETTE, SAMANTHA RACHAEL	05/03/2005	EXETER, NH	VERRETTE, JOSEPH	VERRETTE, TARA
JANIAK, THOMAS JEFFREY	05/09/2005	DERRY, NH	JANIAK, THOMAS	JANIAK, JANET
ROSS, EMILY MARY	05/12/2005	DERRY, NH	ROSS, KEVIN	ROSS, CHERIE
CROWLEY, AVA JILLIAN	05/13/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CROWLEY, KEVIN	CROWLEY, HEATHER
CASEY, CATHERINE VICTORIA	05/27/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CASEY, SEAN	CASEY, MONIQUE
VITALE, SOPHIA DOROTHY	05/28/2005	EXETER, NH	VITALE, DEREK	VITALE, AIMEE
HOWARD, MEGAN ALEXIS	06/02/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	HOWARD, DEAN	HOWARD, JENNIFER
MULLEY, GORDON ALEXANDER	06/19/2005	DERRY, NH	MULLEY, KENNETH	MULLEY, HELEN
WOODS, CAMRYN RILEY	06/19/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WOODS, JOHN	WOODS, KIMBERLY

Department of State
Division of Vital Records Administration
Resident Marriage Report
07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005

Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
METHOT, JONATHAN G	CHESTER, NH	FORTIN, CRYSTAL M	CHESTER, NH	LONDONDERRY	HAMPSTEAD	08/28/2004
SCHAEFER, RICHARD G	CHESTER, NH	LEBEL, PATRICIA A	CHESTER, NH	CHESTER	CHESTER	09/14/2004
LUCENT, NICHOLAS R	CHESTER, NH	TSIVOLAS, ANGELIKI	CHESTER, NH	CHESTER	CHESTER	09/26/2004
DIMARIO, KEVIN E	CHESTER, NH	MAGUIRE, JENNIFER M	CHESTER, NH	CHESTER	LINCOLN	10/02/2004
HATHAWAY, JAMES E	CHESTER, NH	RICHARDSON, MEGAN R	CHESTER, NH	DERRY	CHESTER	10/09/2004
SMITH, AARON P	CHESTER, NH	GREENHALGH, SUZANNE M	DERRY, NH	DERRY	HAMPSTEAD	10/15/2004
FLANAGAN, ROBERT J	CHESTER, NH	OLIVER, JOANNE M	CHESTER, NH	DERRY	CHESTER	12/31/2004
FLANDERS, DOUGLAS W	NASHUA, NH	GOAD, DONNA J	CHESTER, NH	NASHUA	NASHUA	02/14/2005
FERGUSON, KENNETH L	CHESTER, NH	DAKOS, JENNY	CHESTER, NH	DERRY	BEDFORD	02/27/2005
BERNARD, RAYMOND L	CHESTER, NH	HOOG, KATHLEEN M	CHESTER, NH	DERRY	NEW CASTLE	03/05/2005
SEPULVEDA, EDGAR	CHESTER, NH	TEJADA DAMASO, MARTHA O	LAWRENCE, MA	SALEM	SALEM	03/15/2005
WILLINSKY, MICHAEL	CHESTER, NH	ROBERTSON, SHEILA A	CHESTER, NH	CHESTER	LONDONDERRY	03/18/2005
GARON, STEPHEN R	CHESTER, NH	CARTER, PAULA J	CHESTER, NH	CHESTER	LEE	04/02/2005
STARK, TIMOTHY F	CHESTER, NH	CHERUBIN, SOPHIE E	CHESTER, NH	CHESTER	CHESTER	04/23/2005
ZANNI, DAVID M	CHESTER, NH	GOMEZ, KAREN A	CHESTER, NH	DERRY	LONDONDERRY	04/26/2005
HENDERSON, ROBERT J	CHESTER, NH	RICHARDSON, PENNY J	CHESTER, NH	CHESTER	CHESTER	05/05/2005
VENNER, JEFFREY A	CHESTER, NH	GARRETT, KRISTEN L	CHESTER, NH	CHESTER	CHESTER	05/30/2005
SMITH, RICHARD J	CHESTER, NH	RYKER, BETTY ANN C	SALEM, NH	SALEM	MANCHESTER	06/11/2005
COSTINE, TIMOTHY A	CHESTER, NH	BOURAPHAEL, LEAH J	KINGSTON, NH	CHESTER	CHESTER	06/11/2005
JENSEN, BARRY C	CHESTER, NH	SMITH, BARBARA D	CHESTER, NH	ATKINSON	ATKINSON	06/25/2005
SULESKI, JEFFREY A	SALEM, NH	SCOTT, KERRY A	CHESTER, NH	SALEM	WINDHAM	06/25/2005

Department of State
Division of Vital Records Administration
Resident Death Report
07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005

Decendents's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's name	Mother's Maiden Name
GARTIN, LUCY	07/06/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	BROWN, DANIEL	AMMERMAN, ADA
MASON, LOUISE	07/15/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	PATTEN, IVAN	PATTEN, JESSIE
McCOOLE, RAYMOND	01/01/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	McCOOLE, CHARLES	HENDRICKSON, GLADYS
BRADLEY, HELEN	01/08/2005	EXETER, NH	LEWIN, JAMES	ANDERSON, BLANCHE
DAVIS, SYLVIA	02/03/2005	EXETER, NH	BARNES, JAMES	HUBBARD, EDNA
HIGNETT, MARY	02/12/2005	CHESTER, NH	ROOKS, EDNEY	BARNES, VIOLET
VARLEY, FRED	03/02/2005	CHESTER, NH	VARLEY, ROLAND	ABBOTT, PAULINE
EDWARDS, LUCILE	03/12/2005	DOVER, NH	PURINTON, ROY	LEWIS, ETTA
MALONEY, JOHN	03/22/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MALONEY, THOMAS	SULLIVAN, CATHERINE
VADEBONCOEUR, SANDRA	04/28/2005	CHESTER, NH	GILBERT, ROGER	CLOUTIER, MADELINE
CURTIN, LAWRENCE	05/11/2005	DERRY, NH	CURTIN, THEODORE	McMANUS, JOSEPHINE
SMITH, GEORGE	05/18/2005	DERRY, NH	SMITH, RALPH	CHASE, ELLIS
MATHEWS, DENIS	06/24/2005	CHESTER, NH	MATHEWS, ERLE	POTVIN, MARCELLE
HUSS, EVELYN	06/25/2005	DERRY, NH	MOCK, OLIVER	GECKLE, MARY

Independent Auditors Report

At the time of printing the Independent Auditors Report was not available.

Financial Information

Actual Revenues

At the time of printing the Independent Auditors Report was not available.

Actual Expenditures

At the time of printing the Independent Auditors Report was not available.

Tax Collector's Report

For fiscal year ending June 2005

Tax Collector: Barbara L. Gagnon
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday; 8:00am – 12:30pm;
Tuesday 8:00am – 3.30pm; Closed Saturday & Sunday
Phone: 887-3636
Fax: 887-4334

I now have the car renewals on line and it has been a hit with a lot of our residents as our lives become more hectic. You can give it a try by logging onto www.egov.nh.gov/Compass/ .You are able to use your credit card and the registration and stickers are mailed to you at the end of the day if that makes it easier for you or I will still be sending out the renewals by mail for those that don't like to put there credit card on line.

The purpose of this office is to try to make it easier for you to register your vehicles and pay your property taxes so if you have any questions please feel free to call the office at 887-3636 or fax me at 887-4334. Between the two of us we can always work something out so you can accomplish what you need to get done.

Just remember to plan ahead.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Gagnon, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Linda Mansur, Deputy

Tax Collector's Report for the Year Ending June 30th, 2005

Debits

	2005	2004	2003
Uncollected Taxes 06/30/05			
Property Taxes		$791,235.50	$737,486.27
Current Use Taxes		$38,600.00	$69,000.00
Yield Taxes		$1,248.00	$968.77
Excavation Taxes		$0.00	$1,536.00
Taxes Committed this Year			
Property Taxes	$4,586,686.00	$5,006,492.00	$4,010,111.00
Current Use Taxes	$10,520.00	$91,000.00	$14,800.00
Yield Taxes	$0.00	$1,987.00	$5,739.38
Bad Checks	$0.00	$0.00	$25.00
Interest	$0.00	$0.00	$35,336.43
Overpayments			
Property Taxes	$17,887.61	$29,580.52	$46,670.08
Current Use Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	$556.54
Total Debits	**$4,615,693.61**	**$6,007,478.00**	**$5,055,429.47**

Tax Collector's Report for the Year Ending June 30th, 2005

Credits

	2005	2004	2003
Remitted to the Treasurer			
Property Taxes	$3,757,360.34	$5,672,881.29	$4,784,289.35
Current Use Taxes	$10,520.00	$107,600.00	$217,556.54
Yield Taxes	$0.00	$3,235.00	$5,645.75
Interest	$0.00	$0.00	$35,336.43
Excavation Taxes	$600.00	$0.00	$1,536.00
Abatements			
Property Taxes	$3,319.00	$11,756.33	$10,003.00
Current Use Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Yield Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	$1,062.40
Excavation Taxes	$58.00	$0.00	$0.00
Overpayments			
Property Taxes	$17,887.61	$29,580.52	$46,670.08
Current Use Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	$556.54
Total Debits	**$4,615,693.61**	**$6,007,478.00**	**$5,055,429.47**

Tax Liens for the Year Ending June 30th, 2005

Debits

	2004	2003	2002
Unredeemed Lien Balance 07/01/04	$0.00	$99,447.44	$56,977.21
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	$178,203.20	$0.00	$0.00
Interest & Cost Collected	$3,665.87	$7,771.24	$16,691.76
Deed Costs	$0.00	$0.00	$13.00
Total Debits	**$181,869.07**	**$107,218.68**	**$73,668.97**

Credits

Remitted to the Treasurer			
Redemptions	$79,980.26	$57,445.84	$54,702.74
Interest & Cost Collected after Lien Execution	$2,921.29	$8,251.80	$17,090.06
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	$0.00	$79.85	$1,876.17
Liens Deeded to Municipality	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Unredeemed Liens Balance at end of the year	$98,967.52	$41,441.19	$0.00
Total Credits	**$181,869.07**	**$107,218.68**	**$73,668.97**

Tax Rate Calculation

Department of Revenue Administration – Municipal Finance Bureau

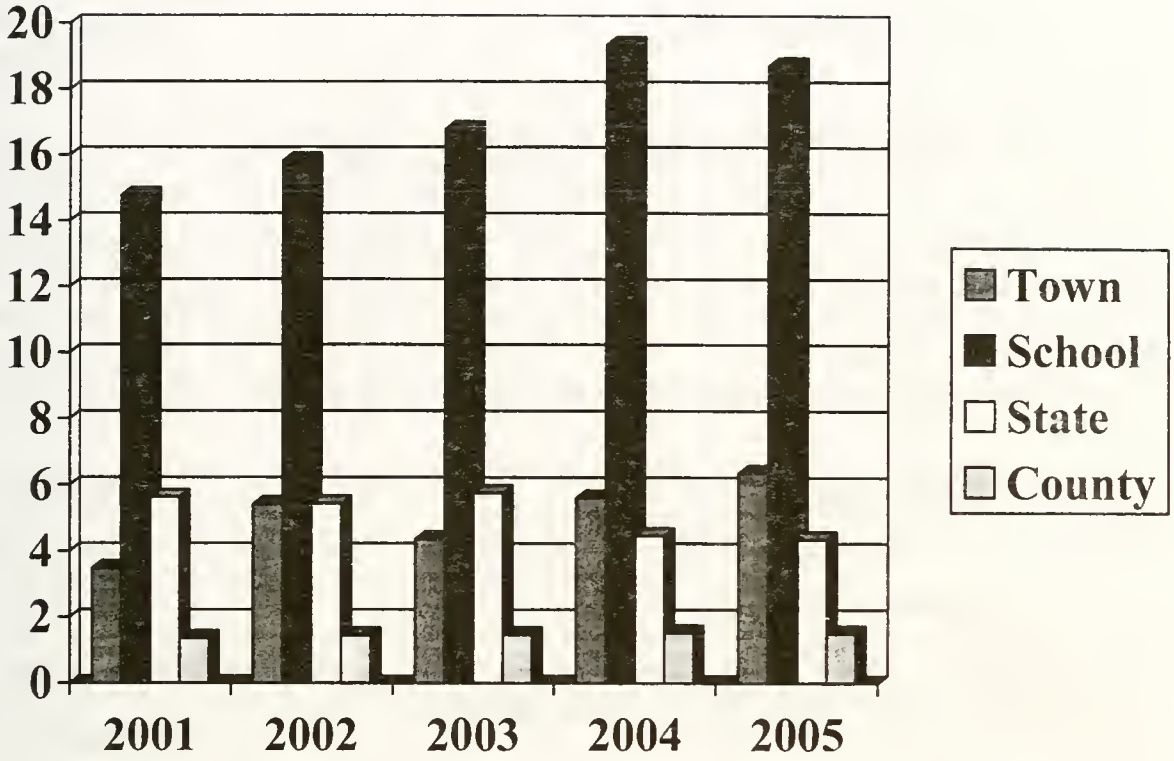
2005 Tax Rate Calculation

Town / City				**Tax Rate**
Gross Appropriations	3,248,977.00			
Less: Revenues	1,466,098.00			
Less: Shared Revenues	1,959.00			
Add: Overlay	28,049.00			
War Service Credits	86,000.00			
Net Town Appropriation		1,894,969.00		
Special Adjustment		0.00		
Approved Town / City Tax Effort			1,894,969.00	**Town Rate 6.36**
School Portion				
Net Local School Budget (Gross approp - revenue)		8,983,205.00		
Regional School Apportionment		0.00		
Less: Equitable Education Grant		(2,135,869.00)		
Less: Additional FY04 Targeted Aid		(2,849.00)		
State Education Taxes		(1,261,008.00)		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort			5,583,479.00	**Local School Rate 18.73**
State Education Taxes				
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x		2.84		
444,016,830.00			1,261,008.00	**State School Rate 4.36**
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)				
289,043,400.00				
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to the State				
Pay to the State		0.00		
County Portion				
Due to County		453,596.00		
Less: Shared Revenues		(3,919.00)		
Approved County Tax Effort			449,677.00	**County Rate 1.51**
				Total Rate 30.96
Total Property Taxes Assessed			9,189,133.00	
Less: War Service Credits			(86,000.00)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)			0.00	
Total Property Tax Commitment			**9,103,133.00**	

Proof of Rate

	Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	289,043,400.00	4.36	1,261,008.00
All Other Taxes	298,079,100.00	26.60	7,928,125.00
			9,189,133.00

10-Year Tax Rate History



Year	Rate / $	Town	School	State	County
2005	30.96	6.36	18.73	4.36	1.51
2004	30.96	5.61	19.35	4.47	1.53
2003	28.37	4.36	16.78	5.76	1.47
2002	28.13	5.41	15.83	5.44	1.45
2001	25.26	3.48	14.78	5.63	1.37
2000	20.30	0.88	12.48	5.89	1.05
1999	20.54	2.97	10.11	6.45	1.01
1998	56.16	6.99	46.79		2.38
1997	53.98	5.81	45.68		2.49
1996	51.40	6.67	42.19		2.54

Town Clerk's Report for the Year Ending June 30th, 2005

Cash on Hand 07/01/2004		$500.00
6334 Motor Vehicle Registrations & Titles	$870,615.29	
UCC's	$1,090.00	
Vital Records	$701.00	
Misc. Revenue	$1,411.53	
522 Dog License & Fines	$3,699.00	
Total Receipts		**$877,516.82**
Payments to Treasurer		**$877,516.82**
Cash on Hand Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2005		$500.00

Respectfully submitted: Barbara L. Gagnon

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer: Don Parnell
Phone: 887-4980
Fax: 887-8811

While I no longer hold the office of treasurer, I have been asked to write this report as the auditing and much of the financial reporting in this town report cover the final year of my term.

The major events of July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005 were the road bond funding coming through, with the cash flow issues, including the tax anticipation note, and the ability to pay car registrations online through the state's COMPASS system. Barbara volunteered to be a test town for this new program and it has been well received. The use of the payment system has been increasing over time. A new accounting procedure was put in place to account for the new cash flow stream.

As of March 21, 2006, I have still not received a copy of the final audit report for the fiscal year in this report, so I don't have much to comment on. I did speak to the auditors during the process, offered some clarification, and answered a few questions. To the best of my knowledge, there were no major issues with my reporting.

I would like to thank those who were helpful to me during my tenure, including the selectman's former assistant Vicki MacLaughlin. All of my interactions with her were positive and professional. She made my almost-volunteer position much more effective and efficient. I appreciate all her efforts.

I would also like to thank the voters of Chester for entrusting me with the town finances for three years.

I wish the best to you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorie Steiger

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Trustee: Margaret Tully - elected 2005 for 3-year term
Trustee: Linda Elliott - elected 2005 for 2-year term
Phone: 887-4979
Fax: 887-8811

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005 included the formal adoption of an Investment Policy Statement as well as changes to the structure of the Trust Funds. The Investment Policy Statement adopted outlines preferred investment ratios of 30% stock and 70% Bonds/ Money Markets, the types of investments allowed, as well as investment criteria to be used to make purchases. The proposed Trust Fund structure change was presented to the Selectmen at a public meeting without opposition. After thorough analysis of all of the pros and cons, the consolidation of the Trusts was adopted by Margaret Tully, Linda Elliott and Aaron Mansur unanimously. This restructuring of the Trust funds will facilitate fund accounting and tracking, investment ratio analysis, monitoring of un-invested cash, investment diversity, savings on commissions, and greater purchasing power to obtain higher bond rates.

The consolidation of the Trusts included Public Library Common Trust, Mary Dodge Public Library Trust, Village Cemetery Trust, Great Hill Trust, Fire Dept Common Trust, Ruth Ray Library Trust, Amos Tuck French Trust, RK Murphy Library and Fire Dept Trusts, and Wilcomb Townsend Trust. The only two outstanding investments that remain to be transferred include a Wachovia account for School Repairs and a Fleet/Bank of America Passbook savings account. As of today, the savings account has been closed and consolidated into the LPL Investment account where the Combined Trust account resides. The Wachovia account is in the process of having the trustees changed to allow the transfer of the funds.

Annual earnings distribution checks were issued in November 2005. We expect that the annual earnings distributions will occur much earlier next year now that the Trust consolidation is completed. A letter was sent to each of the above Trusts explaining the changes that transpired in 2005 fiscal year.

At the 2005 town elections in November, Margaret Tully, who was formerly appointed by the Selectmen, was elected by the town to hold this office for a 3-year term. Linda Elliott who was previously elected in the 2005 town elections was re-elected for a 2-year term. A third Trustee has not yet been appointed by the town. This third Trustee is desperately needed in order to vote on outstanding issues. Should you have any desire to participate in joining the Trustee team, please contact the Selectmen's office.

Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of: CHESTER, NH On June 30, 2005

# SHARES OR OTHER UNITS	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT names of Bank, Stock, Bonds, Etc.	PRINCIPAL Balance Beginning Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Gains or (Losses) from Sales	Balance End Year	INCOME Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
34000	SBC Comunications Corp Bond	34,382.00					34,382.00	0.00	2,125.00	-2,125.00	0.00	34,382.00
30000	Sears and Roebuck Corp Bond	28,024.00					28,024.00	0.00	1,875.00	-1,875.00	0.00	28,024.00
450	Southern Co. Stock	8,246.98	3,352.95				11,599.93	0.00	505.77	-505.77	0.00	11,599.93
10000	Southern N.E. Tel Corp Bond	10,463.85					10,463.85	0.00	712.52	-712.52	0.00	10,463.85
9000	Telecomunications Corp Bnd 6.875%	9,074.03					9,074.03	0.00	618.76	-618.76	0.00	9,074.03
23000	Transamerica Financial Bnd zero cpn	9,061.94					9,061.94	0.00	512.00	-512.00	0.00	9,061.94
8000	Transamerica Financial Corp Bond	7,943.32					7,943.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,943.32
4000	US West Commun. Corp Bond	3,653.96					3,653.96	0.00	225.00	-225.00	0.00	3,653.96
422	Verizion Communications Stock	2,793.31	3,506.11				6,299.42	0.00	502.32	-502.32	0.00	6,299.42
20000	Verizon N.E. Corp Bond	20,634.00					20,634.00	0.00	1,300.00	-1,300.00	0.00	20,634.00
11000	Wisconson Energy Corp Bnd	10,988.61					10,988.61	0.00	715.00	-715.00	0.00	10,988.81
	Bank of Boston Passbook	2,732.61					2,732.61	0.00	11.58	-11.58	0.00	2,732.61
	Money Market Account - Public Library Comb	26,242.66	11,255.69		37,498.35		0.00	0.00	249.84	-249.84	0.00	0.00
	Money Market Account - Mary Dodge	5,465.63	45.10		5,510.73		0.00	0.00	45.10	-45.10	0.00	0.00
	Money Market Account - Village Cemetary	10,814.52	1,089.54	600.00	12,504.06		0.00	0.00	89.54	-89.54	0.00	0.00
	Money Market Account - Great Hill	33,800.83	2,870.26		36,671.09		0.00	0.00	311.74	-311.74	0.00	0.00
	Money Market Account - Combined Fire Dept	6,706.28	300.02		7,006.30		0.00	0.00	55.02	-55.02	0.00	0.00
	Money Market Account - Ruth Ray Public Lib	71,218.15	41,182.48		112,400.63		0.00	0.00	728.80	-728.80	0.00	0.00
	Money Market Account - Amos Tuck French	5,375.52	44.30		5,419.82		0.00	0.00	44.30	-44.30	0.00	0.00
	Money Market Account - RK Murphy Public Lib	20,235.98	17,076.81		37,312.79		0.00	0.00	246.48	-246.48	0.00	0.00
	Money Market Account - RK Murphy Fire Dept	22,408.64	13,710.80		36,119.44		0.00	0.00	190.28	-190.28	0.00	0.00
	Money Market Account - Wilcomb Townsend	27,082.39	12,145.47		39,227.86		0.00	0.00	276.96	-276.96	0.00	0.00
	Money Market Account - Combined Account	0.00	283,697.95		269,661.66		14,036.29	0.00	207.92	-207.92	0.00	14,036.29
	Income Payments Due	-48,801.26	-43,198.84		-48,801.26		-43,198.84	52,465.60		3,298.18	55,763.78	12,564.94
	TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	873,760.33	609,881.24	600.00	606,594.64	6,569.00	884,215.93	52,465.60	46,497.02	-43,198.84	55,763.78	939,979.71
	Capital Reserve - Police - Acct #1378	26,653.30			5.00		26,648.30	0.00	260.76	0.00	260.76	26,909.06
	Capital Reserve - Towle Road - Acct #1394	1,279.13		1,500.00	5.00		2,774.13	0.00	27.76	0.00	27.76	2,801.89
	Capital Reserve - Fire Dept - Acct #1473	29,864.51			5.00		29,859.51	0.00	289.61	0.00	289.61	30,149.12
	Capital Reserve- Town Hall Rest. Acct#0890	10,861.62			1,505.00		9,356.62	0.00	93.47	0.00	93.47	9,450.09
	Capital Reserve - Civil War Mon Acct #0891	0.00		13,385.00	5.00		13,380.00	0.00	120.51	0.00	120.51	13,500.51
	Capital Reserve - School Repair - Wachovia	27,984.08			75.00		27,909.08	0.00	345.73	0.00	345.73	28,254.81
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	96,642.64	1,137.84	14,885.00	1,600.00	0.00	109,927.64	0.00	1,137.84	0.00	1,137.84	111,065.48
	CAPITAL RESERVE + TRUST FUNDS	970,402.97	611,019.08	15,485.00	608,194.64	6,569.00	994,143.57	52,465.60	47,634.86	-43,198.84	56,901.62	1,051,045.19

Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of: CHESTER, NH On June 30, 2005

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13000	Aetna Inc Corp Bond	13,629.79					13,629.79	0.00	926.26	-926.26	0.00	13,629.79
40000	AT&T Broadband Corp Bond	39,058.86					39,058.86	0.00	3,350.02	-3,350.02	0.00	39,058.86
5000	AT&T Global Notes	4,862 16					4,862.16	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0 00	4,862.16
478	AT&T Wireless Stock	2,424 71			7,170.00	4,745.29	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
50000	Atlantic Business Bank CD	0.00	50,005 00				50,005.00	0 00		0.00	0.00	50,005.00
332	Bank America Stock	11,345.00					11,345.00	0.00	448.20	-448.20	0.00	11,345.00
7000	Bankers Trust Co Corp Bond 6.7%	6,848 06					6,848.06	0.00	469.00	-469.00	0.00	6,848.06
17000	Bankers Trust Co Corp Bond 7.375%	17,332.00					17,332.00	0.00	1,253.76	-1,253.76	0.00	17,332.00
16000	Bear Sterns Corp Bond	16,901.85					16,901.85	0.00	1,190.00	-1,190.00	0.00	16,901.85
578	Bell South Corp Stock	1,995.66	4,039 05				6,034.71	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0.00	6,034.71
20000	Bell South Corp Bond	20,737.00					20,737.00	0.00	611.64	-611.64	0.00	20,737.00
375	Campbell Soup Co. Stock	4,648.65	6,036 83				10,685.48	0.00	116.81	-116.81	0.00	10,685.48
21000	Chattanooga VY Corp Bond	10,180.97					10,180.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,180.97
275	ChevronTexico Corp	0 00	14,711.07				14,711.07	0.00	123.75	-123.75	0.00	14,711.07
18000	CitiCorp Subordinated Notes	18,009.36					18,009.36	0.00	1,215.00	-1,215 00	0.00	18,009.36
10000	Citigroup Corp Bond	10,102.14					10,102.14	0.00	662.52	-662 52	0.00	10,102.14
21000	CitiGroup Internotes	21,954 00					21,954.00	0.00	1,260.00	-1,260.00	0 00	21,954.00
325	Citigroup, Inc. Stock	0 00	15,320 32				15,320.32	0 00		0.00	0.00	15,320.32
425	Congra Foods Inc Stock	3,828.39	6,859.58				10,687.97	0.00	188.57	-188.57	0.00	10,687.97
1094	Del Monte Foods Co Stock	438 36	11,200 48				11,638.84	0.00		0.00	0.00	11,638.84
250	Diageo PLC, Stock	0.00	15,054.77				15,054.77	0.00		0.00	0.00	15,054.77
	Discover Bank CD	8,000 00			8,000 00	0.00	0.00	0.00	452.00	-452 00	0.00	0.00
325	Dow Chemical Stock	0 00	15,552.94				15,552.94	0.00		0.00	0.00	15,552.94
4000	Dow Chemical Corp Bond 6.125%	4,161 48					4,161.48	0.00	245.00	-245 00	0.00	4,161.48
20000	Dow Chemical Corp Bond 5 45%	20,754 50					20,754.50	0.00	1,090.00	-1,090.00	0.00	20,754.50
300	Du Pont EIDE NeMour Stock	0 00	14,407.44				14,407.44	0.00	111.00	-111.00	0.00	14,407.44
10000	Duke Capital Corp Bond 6 25%	10,181.50					10,181.50	0.00	625.00	-625 00	0.00	10,181.50
62000	Duke Capital Corp Bond	63,893 92					63,893.92	0.00	4,960.00	-4,960.00	0.00	63,893.92
1600	Ford Motor Company Stock	9,408 44	11,515 56				20,924.00	0.00	160.00	-160.00	0.00	20,924.00
10000	Ford Motor Credit Corp Bond 7.375	10,451.30					10,451.30	0.00	737.50	-737 50	0.00	10,451 30
8000	Ford Motor Credit Corp Bond 6.75%	8,297 88					8,297.88	0.00	540.00	-540 00	0.00	8,297.88
8000	Ford Motor Credit SR Note 5.8%	7,626 92					7,626.92	0.00	464.00	-464.00	0.00	7,626.92
550	General Motors Corp Stock	0.00	15,335.73				15,335.73	0.00	275.00	-275.00	0.00	15,335.73
10000	General Motors Corp Bond	10,179 40					10,179.40	0.00	687.50	-687 50	0.00	10,179 40
18000	Goldman Sachs Corp Bond	17,832 43					17,832.43	0.00	1,197.00	-1,197.00	0.00	17,832.43
5000	GTE Corp Bond	5,827.50					5,827 50	0.00	437.50	-437.50	0.00	5,827.50
300	Heinz H.J Co Stock	3,159 37	7,491.99				10,651.36	0.00	114.00	-114.00	0.00	10,651.36
15000	Household Finance Corp Bond 6.2%	17,579 42					17,579.42	0.00	930 00	-930.00	0.00	17,579.42
18000	Household Finance Corp Bond 7 1%	16,538 82					16,538.82	0.00	1,278.00	-1,278 00	0.00	16,538 82
3000	Household Finance Corp Bond 7.65%	3,038 00					3,038.00	0.00	229.50	-229.50	0.00	3,038.00
13000	Household Finance Corp Bond	14,314 51					14,314.51	0 00	1,040.00	-1,040.00	0.00	14,314.51
5000	JC Penney Corp Bond	5,010.30					5,010.30	0 00	380.00	-380.00	0.00	5,010.30
8000	JP Morgan Chase & Co. Bond	7,826.96			8,000 00	173 04	0.00	0.00	305.00	-305 00	0 00	0.00
425	JP Morgan Chase & Co. Stock	0.00	15,349.48				15,349.48	0.00		0.00	0.00	15,349.48
300	Kellogg Company Stock	9,450.15					9,450.15	0.00	303.00	-303.00	0.00	9,450.15
8000	Lehman Brothers Corp Bond	8,068 52					8,068.52	0.00	590.00	-590.00	0.00	8,068.52
425	Merck & Co. Stock	0.00	14,693.94				14,693.94	0.00		0.00	0 00	14,693 94
31000	Motorola Bond	31,242 50			32,893.17	1,650.67	0.00	0 00	1,191.56	-1,191.56	0.00	0.00
8000	PNC funding Corp Bond	7,894 60					7,894.60	0.00	550.00	-550.00	0 00	7,894.60
5000	Providian National Bank	5,000.00					5,000.00	0.00	265.00	-265.00	0.00	5,000.00
250	Public Storage Stock	0 00	14,789.39				14,789 39	0.00	112 50	-112.50	0.00	14,789.39
35000	Salomon Inc Corp Bond	35,177.00					35,177 00	0.00	2,362.50	-2,362 50	0.00	35,177.00
700	Sarah Lee Corp Stock	0.00	15,323 85				15,323.85	0.00		0 00	0.00	15,323.85
625	SBC Communications Stock	0 00	15,115.18				15,115.18	0.00		0.00	0.00	15,115.18

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28-May-18	Albert Knipper	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 61%	4 86	4 86	0 00	105 53
15-Apr-19	Joseph Knowles	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 61%	4 86	4 86	0 00	105 53
15-Apr-19	Robert & Rebecca Knowles	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 61%	4 86	4 86	0 00	105 53
31-Jan-20	Elizabeth I Kent	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 81%	4 86	4 86	0 00	105 53
22-May-22	John S Emery	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 61%	4 86	4 86	0 00	105 53
30-Sep-22	George Wells	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 81%	4 86	4 86	0 00	105 53
04-Oct-22	Amos Green	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 61%	4 86	4 86	0 00	105 53
30-Nov-23	Moses Pingree	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 61%	4 86	4 86	0 00	105 53
31-Jan-24	Daniel Bell	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 61%	4 86	4 86	0 00	105 53
13-Mar-23	Silas F Learnard	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 81%	4 86	4 86	0 00	105 53
29-Jun-18	Sarah V Lane	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 02	211 07		0 00		211 07	0 00	4 61%	9 72	9 72	0 00	211 07
15-Apr-19	John West	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 81%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
31-Jan-20	John West 2nd	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
30-Apr-21	Page Reed Smith	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	84 43		0 00		84 43	0 00	4 61%	3 89	3 89	0 00	84 43
30-Apr-21	Sally Lovering Sleeper	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 00	42 21		0 00		42 21	0 00	4 60%	1 94	1 94	0 00	42 21
28-Jun-21	Joseph Dane	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 81%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
26-Nov-21	Mary E Bean	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 02	158 30		0 00		158 30	0 00	4 61%	7 29	7 29	0 00	158 30
03-Nov-22	Charles H Green	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 81%	4 86	4 86	0 00	105 53
03-May-23	Samuel S Warren	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
20-Nov-23	Mark Sanborn	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
22-Dec-23	Herbert W Robie	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
15-Mar-06	William W. White	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	79 15		0 00		79 15	0 00	4 61%	3 65	3 65	0 00	79 15
24-Dec-08	Edmund Sleeper	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	47 49		0 00		47 49	0 00	4 61%	2 19	2 19	0 00	47 49
	Cumulative total			0.24	2,100.12	0.00		0.00	2,100.12	0.00		86.72	86.72	0.00	2,100.12

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23-Aug-10	Sarah A True	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	79 15		0 00		79 15	0 00	4 61%	3 65	3 65	0.00	79 15
23-Aug-10	Henry Moore	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	63 32		0 00		63 32	0 00	4 61%	2 92	2 92	0 00	63 32
07-Jul-11	Samuel S Parker	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 00	42 21		0 00		42 21	0 00	4 60%	1 94	1 94	0 00	42 21
16-Feb-16	Charles Stevens	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	63 32		0 00		63 32	0 00	4 61%	2 92	2 92	0 00	63 32
25-Aug-17	Oren F Page	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 00	42 21		0 00		42 21	0 00	4 60%	1 94	1 94	0.00	42 21
01-Nov-17	David Lane	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	73 87		0 00		73 87	0 00	4 60%	3 40	3.40	0 00	73 87
05-Jun-28	Amos Hazelton	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	79 15		0 00		79 15	0 00	4 61%	3 65	3 65	0 00	79 15
06-Apr-28	George Herman Jack	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	63.32		0 00		63.32	0 00	4 61%	2 92	2 92	0.00	63 32
05-Jun-25	Ephraim Orcutt	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0.00	52 77
02-Jan-29	Augustus P. Morse	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0.00	52 77
31-Dec-29	Charles F. True	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0.00	52 77
05-Jan-31	French - Heath	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
01-Jan-29	Mary E Merrill	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.00	26 38		0 00		26 38	0 00	4 62%	1 22	1 22	0 00	26 38
01-Jul-31	Hannah M Sawyer	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52 77		0 00		52.77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
13-Oct-31	James DeLeskey	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	79 15		0.00		79 15	0 00	4 61%	3 65	3 65	0.00	79 15
23-May-36	William F. Warren	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0.00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0.00	52 77
17-Jun-09	Hannah M Williams	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
03-Jun-12	Lot Knowles	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
25-Nov-16	Charles H Knowles	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52.77
29-Sep-17	Hills Stevens	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0.00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
30-Jun-18	Caroline M Hall	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2.43	2 43	0 00	52 77
26-Mar-19	Parker Morse	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
26-Mar-19	George Marden	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 61%	2 43	2 43	0 00	52 77
	Cumulative total			0.20	3,398.19	0.00		0.00	3,398.19	0.00		156.52	156.52	0.00	3,398.19

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01-Oct-24	James W Gordon	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.77		0.00		52.77	0.00	4.61%	2.43	2.43	0.00	52.77
28-Oct-24	James H Herdy	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.77		0.00		52.77	0.00	4.61%	2.43	2.43	0.00	52.77
25-Sep-25	George S West	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.77		0.00		52.77	0.00	4.61%	2.43	2.43	0.00	52.77
23-Dec-06	Luther W Hall	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
31-Oct-11	Charles A Dearborn	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.63	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
11-Oct-11	Reverand Charles Tenney	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
30-Aug-16	Joan Hazelton	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.63	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
20-Mar-25	Lydra J Ramsey	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
05-Oct-26	Helen F. Soule	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
09-Jun-26	James & J Albert Hook	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
30-May-30	Arthur I Moore & Harry Roberts	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
03-Aug-32	Cyrus F. Marston	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
09-Oct-33	Gerah	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
09-Jul-34	Lucy Lawrence	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
25-Nov-35	Joseph Webster	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
23-Feb-37	Valeria A Towle	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
20-Mar-37	Mabel J Brickett	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
06-May-37	Charles E Cook	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
14-Aug-37	Moses Webster	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
19-Aug-37	Melvin	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
26-Jan-38	Thomas J Melvin	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
01-Mar-39	Chester Noyes Greenough	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
29-May-39	E G Buffum	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
	Cumulative total			**0.23**	**5,667.16**	**0.00**		**0.00**	**5,667.16**	**0.00**		**261.01**	**261.01**	**0.00**	**5,667.16**

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25-Nov-39	Susie Smith	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
27-Dec-40	George Mackintosh	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
22-Jul-41	Lewis Kimball	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
06-Jun-41	Eva Underhill	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
29-Nov-41	Mary A. Owen	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
07-Oct-42	Mary J. Maple	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
04-May-42	William Greenough	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
15-May-42	Arthur Leighton	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
23-Feb-42	William P. Nichols	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
27-Jul-42	Justine P. Creamer	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
16-Jul-45	Addie F. Watkins	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
20-Mar-55	Leon G. Simonds	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
01-May-20	Village Cemetery	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.12	1,055.34		0.00		1,055.34	0.00	4.61%	48.62	48.62	0.00	1,055.34
03-May-04	John W. Noyes	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.04	316.60		0.00		316.60	0.00	4.61%	14.59	14.59	0.00	316.60
16-Feb-15	Jonathan Pressey	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	47.49		0.00		47.49	0.00	4.61%	2.19	2.19	0.00	47.49
01-Feb-10	George W. Stevens	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.04	358.60		0.00		358.60	0.00	4.61%	16.52	16.52	0.00	358.60
31-Oct-14	Cynthia J. Brown	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.77		0.00		52.77	0.00	4.61%	2.43	2.43	0.00	52.77
30-Jun-18	George L. Converse	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.77		0.00		52.77	0.00	4.61%	2.43	2.43	0.00	52.77
23-Jan-26	Mills E. Wilson	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.03	263.83		0.00		263.83	0.00	4.61%	12.16	12.16	0.00	263.83
27-Apr-31	George A. Hosley	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
12-Mar-29	John C. Chase	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
28-Jan-32	George F. West	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	195.24		0.00		195.24	0.00	4.61%	9.00	9.00	0.00	195.24
07-May-32	Mills Family	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
	Cumulative total			0.47	10,014.94	0.00		0.00	10,014.94	0.00		461.29	461.29	0.00	10,014.94

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11-Jan-33	A. H. Wilcomb	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.05	468.57		0.00		468.57	0.00	4.61%	21.59	21.59	0.00	468.57
19-Jan-32	John F. & Jennie Green	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.30		0.00		158.30	0.00	4.61%	7.29	7.29	0.00	158.30
08-Jul-35	Ellen A. Gates	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
23-Oct-37	Fred B. & Alice E. Boyles	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.30		0.00		158.30	0.00	4.61%	7.29	7.29	0.00	158.30
08-Dec-38	James Marden	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.00	42.21		0.00		42.21	0.00	4.60%	1.94	1.94	0.00	42.21
11-Aug-39	Frances L. Hazelton	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
21-Aug-40	Magdalena Robbs	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
31-Oct-40	John H. Robie	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.30		0.00		158.30	0.00	4.61%	7.29	7.29	0.00	158.30
08-Nov-41	Sanborn - Morse	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.03	263.83		0.00		263.83	0.00	4.61%	12.16	12.16	0.00	263.83
28-Nov-41	Edward T. Morse	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
22-Aug-42	Isabella C. Clerk	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
	Lida E. Crawford	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.04	316.60		0.00		316.60	0.00	4.61%	14.59	14.59	0.00	316.60
15-Feb-43	Minnie D. French	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.77		0.00		52.77	0.00	4.61%	2.43	2.43	0.00	52.77
07-Dec-45	Anna M. Wakefield	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.30		0.00		158.30	0.00	4.61%	7.29	7.29	0.00	158.30
09-Dec-47	George S. Webster	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
04-Dec-51	Mansur & Seibert	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	184.68		0.00		184.68	0.00	4.61%	8.51	8.51	0.00	184.68
01-Apr-52	Ivory J. & Sarah J. Lovering John L. Hersom	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.30		0.00		158.30	0.00	4.61%	7.29	7.29	0.00	158.30
25-Jul-53	Nellie W. Kearns	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.03	263.83		0.00		263.83	0.00	4.61%	12.16	12.16	0.00	263.83
24-Sep-53	Nathan W. Goldsmith	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.30		0.00		158.30	0.00	4.61%	7.29	7.29	0.00	158.30
30-Aug-58	Alma Watts Wheeler	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
20-Nov-58	Orlando H. Underhill	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
23-Jun-59	Myron F. Brown	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.30		0.00		158.30	0.00	4.61%	7.29	7.29	0.00	158.30
20-Dec-60	Harriette E. & Walter E. Drowne	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
	Cumulative total			**0.49**	**14,509.62**	**0.00**		**0.00**	**14,509.62**	**0.00**		**668.32**	**668.32**	**0.00**	**14,509.62**

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12-Jun-61	George D Rand	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
25-Aug-61	Fred G Bartlett	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.05	422.13		0.00		422.13	0.00	4.61%	19.45	19.45	0.00	422.13
25-Aug-61	Albert M Hardy	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.30		0.00		158.30	0.00	4.61%	7.29	7.29	0.00	158.30
25-Aug-61	George Hook	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.30		0.00		158.30	0.00	4.61%	7.29	7.29	0.00	158.30
06-Feb-62	Robinson - Martin	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	116.09		0.00		116.09	0.00	4.61%	5.35	5.35	0.00	116.09
05-May-62	Wallace L. Kimball	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
10-May-63	Elizabeth Mills & Georgia Moolton	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	142.47		0.00		142.47	0.00	4.60%	6.56	6.56	0.00	142.47
15-May-63	John Wason	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.30		0.00		158.30	0.00	4.61%	7.29	7.29	0.00	158.30
13-Jun-63	Etta F. Punnton	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
07-May-64	Grant - Starbird	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
02-May-33	Buzzeli A Follansbee	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	63.32		0.00		63.32	0.00	4.61%	2.92	2.92	0.00	63.32
01-Aug-33	Carlos W Noyes	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	79.15		0.00		79.15	0.00	4.61%	3.65	3.65	0.00	79.15
24-Mar-50	William Finnigan	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
24-Apr-50	Victoria J Brown	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
15-Jan-54	Moses Tewksbury	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.04	316.60		0.00		316.60	0.00	4.61%	14.59	14.59	0.00	316.60
25-Aug-54	Weeks & Forsaith	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
20-Oct-55	Rufus Forsaith	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.86	4.86	0.00	105.53
19-Jan-65	Henry H. & Emeline T Lane	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.30		0.00		158.30	0.00	4.61%	7.29	7.29	0.00	158.30
13-May-68	Warren F Robinson	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.72	9.72	0.00	211.07
10-Jun-68	Inez Stowe Henderson and Hazel I Stone	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.87	4.87	0.00	105.53
27-Jun-68	Hazel Butler Hurd	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.30		0.00		158.30	0.00	4.61%	7.30	7.30	0.00	158.30
08-Aug-68	Chris Hans Pomp	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.53		0.00		105.53	0.00	4.61%	4.87	4.87	0.00	105.53
07-Apr-69	Fitts & Hunt	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.07		0.00		211.07	0.00	4.61%	9.73	9.73	0.00	211.07
	Cumulative total			0.42	16,340.49	0.00		0.00	16,340.49	0.00		844.81	844.81	0.00	16,340.49

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07-Jul-69	Charles H Edwards	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 81%	4 87	4 87	0.00	105 53
16-Jan-70	Amos E & Mary A Hazelton	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 04	318 60		0 00		316 60	0 00	4 81%	14 60	14 60	0.00	318 60
20-Feb-53	Fansh G Lewis	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 02	158 30		0 00		158 30	0 00	4 61%	7 30	7 30	0 00	158 30
19-May-71	John F Robie	Villiage Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 81%	4 87	4 87	0 00	105 53
24-Nov-71	Leon B Richardson	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 02	211 07		0 00		211 07	0 00	4 81%	8 73	9 73	0.00	211 07
31-May-72	Woodbury Marsters	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 02	211 07		0 00		211 07	0 00	4 61%	9 73	8 73	0.00	211 07
31-May-72	John M Webster	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 02	211 07		0 00		211 07	0 00	4 81%	9 73	9 73	0.00	211 07
09-May-73	Victor & Perley Spollett	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 04	316 60		0 00		316 60	0 00	4 61%	14 60	14 60	0 00	318 60
27-Jun-73	Loren P Rand	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 02	211 07		0 00		211 07	0 00	4 61%	9 73	8 73	0 00	211 07
23-Aug-73	North Chester Ladies Aid	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 04	318 60		0 00		318 60	0 00	4 61%	14 60	14 60	0 00	316 60
16-Nov-73	Adams - Richardson	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 02	211 07		0 00		211 07	0 00	4 81%	8 73	9 73	0 00	211 07
21-Nov-75	Margaret L Ross	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	52 77		0 00		52 77	0 00	4 62%	2 44	2 44	0 00	52 77
20-Jun-78	Ethel L Hills	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 81%	4 87	4 87	0 00	105 53
02-Jan-68	French Addition	Villiage Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 08	757.30		0 00		757 30	0 00	4 61%	34 90	34 90	0 00	757 30
18-Nov-49	Robert Hazelton	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 16	1,464 51		0 00		1,464 51	0 00	4 61%	67 49	67 49	0 00	1,464 51
11-Jun-83	Edward J & Rhoda K Murphy	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 05	422 13		0 00		422 13	0 00	4 61%	18 46	19 46	0 00	422 13
30-Sep-83	Dorothy Everett	Villiage Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.06	527 67		0 00		527 67	0 00	4 61%	24 32	24 32	0.00	527 67
15-Apr-48	John G Lang	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 02	158 30		0 00		158 30	0 00	4 61%	7.30	7 30	0.00	158 30
15-Apr-48	Edwin Jones	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 02	158 30		0 00		158 30	0 00	4.61%	7 30	7 30	0.00	158 30
05-May-48	Osgood Richards	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 02	158 30		0.00		158 30	0 00	4 61%	7 30	7 30	0.00	158 30
29-Sep-49	Preston E Goodrich	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 02	158 30		0.00		158 30	0 00	4 81%	7 30	7 30	0.00	158 30
05-Jul-50	William H West, Arthur H West and George West	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 03	263 83		0 00		263 83	0 00	4 61%	12 17	12 17	0.00	263 83
19-Oct-50	William A Moore	Villiage Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0.00		105 53	0 00	4 61%	4 87	4 87	0.00	105 53
	Cumulative total			0.75	**25,047.49**	**0.00**		**0.00**	**25,047.49**	**0.00**		**1,154 02**	**1,154 02**	**0.00**	**25,047.49**

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28-Aug-51	George E Gillingham	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.04	316 60		0 00		316 60	0 00	4 61%	14 60	14 60	0 00	316 60
01-May-51	J Wesley Smith	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 61%	4 87	4 87	0 00	105 53
02-Sep-58	Arthur M & Guy Lawrence Basford	Villiage Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 61%	4 87	4 87	0 00	105 53
20-Mar-59	Susie M Gillingham	Villiage Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 04	316 60		0 00		316 60	0.00	4 61%	14 60	14 60	0.00	316.60
13-Jul-79	Austin Lane	Villiage Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 01	105 53		0 00		105 53	0 00	4 61%	4 87	4 87	0.00	105 53
03-Jan-05	Lester Mitchell	Villiage Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)		0.00	600 00	0 00		800 00	0 00	4 56%	13 67	13 67	0 00	600.00
	Total Village Cemetery Trust			0.11 2.91	**25,897.29**	**600.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**26,597.29**	**0.00**		**1,211.60**	**1,211.50**	0 00	**26,597.29**
13-Dec-43	Amos Tuck French Trust	Perpetual care French Plot	Money market funds and bonds	0 56	5,000.00		0 00		5 000.00	0 00	1 18%	59 24	59 24	0 00	5,000.00
	Total Amos Tuck French Trust			**0.56**	**5,000.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**6,000.00**	**0.00**		**59.24**	**59.24**	**0.00**	**5,000.00**
24-Dec-46	Great Hill Cemetery Trust	Perpetual care of cemetery	Money market funds and bonds	6 09	54,557.93		0 00		54 557.93	52 465 60	6 05%	3,298 18		55 763 78	110,321 71
	Total Great Hill Cemetery Trust			**6.09**	**54,557.93**	0 00	**0.00**	**0.00**	**54,557.93**	**52,465.60**		**3,298.18**	**0.00**	**55,763.78**	**110,321.71**
01-Feb-78	Ruth Ray Trust f/b/o Chester Fire Department	Fire Prevention Equipment	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 57	5,113 95		0 00		5 113 95	0 00	3 12%	159 35	159 35	0 00	5 113 95
04-Mar-83	E Mackintosh Trust f/b/o Chester Fire Department	Fire Dept Undesignated	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 11	1,022 79		0 00		1 022 79	0 00	3 12%	31 87	31 87	0 00	1 022 79
31-Dec-96	Dean T Leighton Trust fbo Chester Fire Department	Fire Dept Purposes	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 46	4,083 89		0 00		4,083 89	0 00	3 12%	127 48	127 48	0 00	4,083 89
07-Oct-88	Rhoda A Murphy Trust f/b/o Chester Fire Department	Fire Dept Undesignated	Money market funds and bonds	11 65	104,384 33		0 00		104,384 33	0 00	5 86%	6,117 14	6,117 14	0 00	104,384.33
	Total Trust Funds f/b/o Chester Fire Department			**12.79**	**114,604.96**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**114,604.98**	**0.00**		**6,435.84**	**6,435.84**	**0.00**	**114,604.96**
10-Feb-10	George W Stevens Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 04	351 28				351 28	0 00	25.27%	88 78	88 78	0 00	351.28
02-Jan-31	John C Chase Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 06	516 89				516 89	0 00	25 27%	130 63	130 63	0 00	516 89
30-Mar-85	Dr. James Brown School Book Trust Fund	School Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 58	5,168 93				5,166 93	0 00	25 27%	1,306 29	1,306 29	0 00	5,168 93
25-Jan-88	Dorothy Shedd Memorial Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 06	516 89				516 89	0 00	25 27%	130 63	130 63	0 00	516 89
26-Jun-91	Meta M Lindgren Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 06	516 89				516 89	0 00	25 27%	130 83	130 63	0 00	516 89
24-Jan-79	Ruth Ray Trust f/b/o School and Public Libraries	60% Public 40% School	Money market funds and bonds	40 68	363,432 91		1,066 40	0.00	364,499 31	0 00	5 59%	20,356 47	20,356 47	0 00	364,499 31
24-Apr-79	Ruth Ray Trust f/b/o School and Public Libraries	60% Public 40% School	Stocks	3 31	24,916 07		4,745 29	0 00	29,661 36	0 00	10 40%	2,838 00	2,838.00	0 00	29,661.36
07-Oct-88	Rhoda A Murphy Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds	11.75	104,674 41		584 27		105,258 68	0 00	5 91%	6,205 70	6,205 70	0 00	105,258 68
09-Jul-86	Mary E Dodge Trust f/b/o Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds	0 57	5,090 10		0 00		5,090 10	0 00	1.18%	60 29	60 29	0 00	5,090 10
	Total Trust Funds f/b/o Town and School District Library			**57.11**	**505,184.37**	**0.00**	**6,395.96**	**0.00**	**511,580.33**	**0.00**		**31,247.42**	**31,247.42**	**0.00**	**511,580.33**

Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of Chester, New Hampshire **On June 30,** **2005**

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND List first those trusts invested in a common trust fund	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED Whether bank, deposits, stocks, bonds, etc (If Common trust so state)	%	Balance End Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	INCOME Balance Beginning Year	INCOME OURING YEAR Percent	INCOME OURING YEAR Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
1915	Wilcomb Home Trust	Town Poor	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 51	4,531 63		8 84		4,540 47	0 00	4 69%	212 67	212 67	0 00	4,540 47
1927	Lydia A Newell Trust	Town Poor	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	1 54	13,770 04		26 87		13,796 91	0 00	4 69%	648 24	648 24	0 00	13,796 91
Feb-46	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust I	Town Poor	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	2 05	18,378 79		35 88		18,412 65	0 00	4 69%	862 44	862 44	0 00	18,412 85
15-Jul-60	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust II	Town Poor	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 82	7,369 35		14 38		7,383 73	0 00	4 69%	345 85	345 85	0 00	7,383 73
08-Feb-46	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust III	Town Poor	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	1 13	10,144 73		19 80		10,164 53	0 00	4 69%	476 10	476 10	0 00	10,164 53
14-Mar-72	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust IV	Town Poor	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 58	5,218 45		10 18		5,228 63	0 00	4 69%	244 91	244 91	0 00	5,228 63
01-Feb-82	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust V	Town Poor	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 56	4,991 30		9 74		5,001 04	0 00	3 56%	177 86	177 86	0 00	5,001 04
09-Feb-84	Wilcomb-Townsend Trust I	Town Poor	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	1 86	16,635 38		32 46		18,667 84	0 00	8 24%	1,038 87	1,038 87	0 00	18,667 84
05-Feb-83	Wilcomb-Townsend Trust II	Town Poor	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 74	4,110 18	0 00	12 95	(2,528 73)	6,651 86	0 00	3 58%	192 90	192 90	0 00	8,651 86
1961	Wilcomb-Townsend Trust II	Town Poor	Stock	0 00	1,483 01		0 00	1,483 01	(0 00)	0 00	0 00%	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
1970	Wilcomb-Townsend Trust II	Town Poor	Voting Certificate	0 00	1,045 72		0 00	1,045 72	(0 00)	0 00	0 00%	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
1970	Wilcomb-Townsend Drawing Fund	Town Poor	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0 11	1,001 36		1 96		1,003 32	0 00	4 89%	47 00	47 00	0 00	1,003 32
	Total Trust Funds f/b/o Town Poor			**9.90**	**88,677.93**	**0.00**	**173.04**	**0.00**	**88,850.97**	**0.00**		**4,244 84**	**4,244.84**	**0.00**	**88,850.97**
23-Dec-91	Capital Reserve Fund Chester Fire Department	Capital Exepnditures	Money market funds and bonds	2 23	20,000 00			5 00	19,995 00	9,864 51	1 45%	289 61		10,154 12	30,149 12
22-Dec-91	Capital Reserve Fund Chester Police Department	Capital Exepnditures	Money market funds and bonds	3 95	35,431 76			5 00	35,426 76	2,139 88	0 74%	260 76		2,400 84	37,827 40
26-May-99	Town Hall Restoration Fund	Town Hall Restoration	Money market funds and bonds	1.03	10,760 79			1,505 00	9,255 79	222 42	0 93%	93 47		315 89	9,571 68
2000/2001	Capital Reserve Towle Road	Road Repairs	Money Market Funds	0 30	1,220 00			(1,505 00)	2,725 00	107 20	1 41%	27 76		134 96	2,659 96
2001/2002	Capital Reserve School Repairs	School Repairs	Money Market Funds	3 06	27,500 00			75 00	27,425 00	484 08	1 26%	345 73		829 81	28,254 81
2004/2005	Capital Reserve. Civil War Monument	Civil War Monument	Money Market Funds	0 00	0 00	0.00		5 00	(5 00)	0 00	-4820 40%	120 51		120 51	115 51
	Total Capital Reserve Funds			**10.57**	**94,912.65**	**0.00**	**0.00**	Wachovia Fee 85.00	**94,822.55**	**12,818.09**		**1,137.84**	**0.00**	**13,955.93**	**108,778.48**
	Total			**99.93**	**888,935.03**	**600.00**	**6,669.00**	**85.00**	**896,014 03**	**65,283.69**		**47,634.86**	**43,198.84**	**69,719.71**	**965,733.74**

Long Term Debt

Conservation - Bond Schedule

Due Date	Principal Outstanding	Payment Amount	Interest	Principal	Rate
12/15/05		$40,687.50	$40,687.50		3.500
06/15/06	$2,100,000.00	$340,687.50	$40,687.50	$300,000.00	
12/15/06		$35,437.50	$35,437.50		
06/15/07	$1,800,000.00	$335,437.50	$35,437.50	$300,000.00	3.500
12/15/07		$30,187.50	$30,187.50		
06/15/08	$1,500,000.00	$330,187.50	$30,187.50	$300,000.00	3.750
12/15/08		$24,562.50	$24,562.50		
06/15/09	$1,200,000.00	$324,562.50	$24,562.50	$300,000.00	4.000
12/15/09		$18,562.50	$18,562.50		
06/15/10	$900,000.00	$318,562.50	$18,562.50	$300,000.00	4.000
12/15/10		$12,562.50	$12,562.50		
06/15/11	$600,000.00	$312,562.50	$12,562.50	$300,000.00	4.125
12/15/11		$6,375.00	$6,375.00		
06/15/12	$300,000.00	$306,375.00	$6,375.00	$300,000.00	4.250

Fire Engine – Lease Installment Schedule

Due Date	Payment Amount	Interest	Principal	Purchase Option
05/28/06	$45,737.00	$8,143.19	$37,593.81	$126,324.49
05/28/07	$45,737.00	$6,254.54	$39,482.46	$85,956.28
05/28/08	$45,737.00	$4,271.01	$41,465.99	$43,872.42
05/28/09	$45,737.00	$2,187.84	$43,549.16	$1.00

Fire Station – Bond Schedule

Due Date	Principal Outstanding	Payment Amount	Interest	Principal	Rate
08/15/05	$350,000.00	$33,539.75	$8,993.75	$25,000.00	4.750
02/15/06		$8,000.00	$8,000.00		
08/15/06	$325,000.00	$33,000.00	$8,000.00	$25,000.00	4.750
02/15/07		$7,406.25	$7,406.25		
08/15/07	$300,000.00	$32,408.25	$7,406.25	$25,000.00	4.750
02/15/08		$6,812.50	$6,812.50		
08/15/08	$275,000.00	$31,812.50	$6,812.50	$25,000.00	4.750
02/15/09		$6,218.75	$6,218.75		
08/15/09	$250,000.00	$31,218.75	$6,218.75	$25,000.00	4.750
02/15/10		$5,625.00	$5,625.00		
08/15/10	$225,000.00	$30,625.00	$5,625.00	$25,000.00	5.000
02/15/11		$5,000.00	$5,000.00		
08/15/11	$200,000.00	$30,000.00	$5,000.00	$25,000.00	5.000
02/15/12		$4,375.00	$4,375.00		
08/15/12	$175,000.00	$29,375.00	$4,375.00	$25,000.00	5.000
02/15/13		$3,750.00	$3,750.00		
08/15/13	$150,000.00	$28,750.00	$3,750.00	$25,000.00	5.000
02/15/14		$3,125.00	$3,125.00		
08/15/14	$125,000.00	$28,125.00	$3,125.00	$25,000.00	5.000
02/15/15		$2,500.00	$2,500.00		
08/15/15	$100,000.00	$27,500.00	$2,500.00	$25,000.00	5.000
02/15/16		$1,875.00	$1,875.00		
08/15/16	$75,000.00	$26,875.00	$1,875.00	$25,000.00	5.000
02/15/17		$1,250.00	$1,250.00		
08/15/17	$50,000.00	$26,250.00	$1,250.00	$25,000.00	5.000
02/15/18		$625.00	$625.00		
08/15/18	$25,000.00	$25,825.00	$825.00	$25,000.00	5.000

Landfill – Debt Schedule

Due Date	Payment Amount	Interest	Principal
10/01/05	$122,682.80	$9,208.58	$113,474.22
10/01/06	$122,682.80	$6,218.53	$116,464.27
10/01/07	$122,682.85	$3,149.70	$119,533.15

Road – Bond Schedule

Due Date	Principal Outstanding	Payment Amount	Interest	Principal	Rate
12/15/05	$1,890,000.00	$241,815.00	$31,815.00	$210,000.00	2.750
06/15/06		$28,927.50	$28,927.50		
12/15/06	$1,680,000.00	$238,927.50	$28,927.50	$210,000.00	2.750
06/15/07		$26,040.00	$26,040.00		
12/15/07	$1,470,000.00	$236,040.00	$26,040.00	$210,000.00	3.000
06/15/08		$22,890.00	$22,890.00		
12/15/08	$1,260,000.00	$232,890.00	$22,890.00	$210,000.00	3.000
06/15/09		$19,740.00	$19,740.00		
12/15/09	$1,050,000.00	$229,740.00	$19,740.00	$210,000.00	3.000
06/15/10		$16,590.00	$16,590.00		
12/12/10	$840,000.00	$226,590.00	$16,590.00	$210,000.00	3.000
06/15/11		$13,440.00	$13,440.00		
12/15/11	$630,000.00	$223,440.00	$13,440.00	$210,000.00	3.000
06/15/12		$10,290.00	$10,290.00		
12/15/12	$420,000.00	$220,290.00	$10,290.00	$210,000.00	3.100
06/15/13		$7,035.00	$7,035.00		
12/15/13	$210,000.00	$217,035.00	$7,035.00	$210,000.00	3.300
06/15/14		$3,570.00	$3,570.00		
12/15/14		$213,570.00	$3,570.00	$210,000.00	3.400

Budget Committee Report for fiscal year 2006-2007

Proposed Budget

April 18th, 2006

To the Citizens of Chester,

At the Town's last annual meeting in May 2005, the voters voted to establish an official Budget Committee. To establish the Committee, the Moderator appointed seven members to serve as members-at-large for one year until the next election. This May, the voters will elect seven members who will serve with two liaison members, one member from the School Board and one member from the Board of Selectmen to make up the nine member Committee.

In contrast to the former Advisory Committee, which made budget recommendations to the Board of Selectmen, the official Committee has statutory duties, which they must perform, including:

- Review Current Year Budget
- Confer with Town Officials on estimated expenses and revenues for the next fiscal year.
- Prepare the proposed School District and Town budgets for the next fiscal year
- Schedule and conduct the public hearings for the School District and Town proposed budgets.
- Submit final budget recommendations to the governing body (School Board and Selectmen)
- Report the Committee's findings to the voters of Chester for their consideration at the annual School District and Town meetings.

One additional factor that must be considered in a (official) Budget Committee town is the 10 percent rule. **The total amount appropriated by the voters cannot exceed the total amount recommended by the Budget Committee by more than 10 percent.** The following is an example of the 10 percent rule using the proposed budget appropriations for the 06-07 fiscal year:

1. TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET	$3,032,207		
2. RECOMMENDED WARRANT ARTICLES		$431,946	
3. NOT RECOMMENDED WARRANT ARTICLES			$140,000
4.TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET PLUS RECOMMENDED WARRANT ARTICLES (Line 1 + 2)	$3,464,153		
5. LESS: LONG-TERM BONDS (INCLUDED IN OPERATING BUDGET)-PRINCIPAL & INTEREST	$863,671		
6. TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED LESS DEBT (Line 4 minus line 5)	$2,600,482		
7. 10% OF RECOMMENDED LESS DEBT$260,048	$260,048		
8. MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE APPROPRIATION (line 4 + line 7)	$3,724,201		

You can see by the example, that if it is the will of the voters to pass all of the warrant articles—recommended or not recommended, the warrant articles not recommended, do not exceed the 10 per cent limitation. The voters could decide to amend articles to include additional appropriations, so long as the total amount appropriated does not exceed the maximum allowable shown on line 8.

The Budget Process

The Budget Committee reviews the current year's actual expenses and revenues at regular monthly meetings. In January 2006, in addition to the regular review, the review of the proposed School District budget began. By the end of January, the Budget Committee and the School Board had finalized a proposed budget to present to the voters at the annual School District Meeting. In February of 2006, the Budget Committee in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen began working on the Town's proposed budget. We informed all department heads in writing of their need to provide the Committee with their requested budgets in a timely fashion, and to provide support, in reasonably sufficient detail, to justify requested increases over fiscal year '05-'06. Generally, the departments complied with their obligations to the budget process. Nonetheless, the total initial requested operating budget exceeded last year's overall budget by approximately 17%.

The Budget Committee provided each department at least one opportunity to meet with the Committee and the Board of Selectmen at a scheduled joint workshop designed to review every line item, to answer any questions, and to keep the process transparent and mutual by and amongst the Budget Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the town departments, and the Citizens. Because this was the first year of budget preparation in this fashion, the Budget Committee gave departments who requested or required it, additional workshop sessions, sometimes up to four, to work through proposed operating budget numbers. Warrant articles were also discussed. During these workshops, as well as in additional non-joint sessions, the Budget Committee reviewed planned and unplanned actual expenditures of the current year, as well as past years. Budgetary trends were noted, as were increases beyond the control of departments, such as fuel and energy costs. Each department's proposed budget was reviewed with the same degree of scrutiny. Statistics and information, such as cost of materials, salary surveys, and reported crimes were reviewed and discussed. Alternate methods of funding were examined such as fee-based revenues, grants and governmental grant programs. The Committee met a minimum of two, sometimes three times per week, often times for periods up to five hours per meeting.

Through a collaborative effort with the help of department officials, the Board of Selectmen, Town counsel, our new bookkeeper, Carol Sheehan, and part-time internal auditor, Leonard Gallant, the Budget Committee is presenting a revenue and operating budget to the voters of Chester for their consideration. The Budget Committee has also reviewed and recommended or not recommended a series of warrant articles. We believe that the budget submitted to you provides funding for the various departments for the coming fiscal year in amounts that the majority of the taxpayers would find appropriate. We know, however, that some budget lines will be viewed as too high or too low. The budgetary process provides for Town Meeting to take appropriate action to adjust the budget by amendment from the floor. If you believe a budget

line should be adjusted, you should come prepared to propose an amendment. This year's budget is broken down in more detail so as to better inform the voters. New positions and capitol improvements have been removed from the operating budget and placed in individual warrant articles to provide full disclosure to the voters. Due in large part to the cooperation of the departments, committees, and the Board of Selectmen, the operating budget proposed by the Budget Committee is supported by the Board of Selectmen. There are some differences of opinion, however, on certain warrant articles. As we have throughout the process, the Committee invites any further questions, inquiry or suggestions from any member of the public. We trust we have fulfilled our statutory duties to the citizens.

The Budget Format

You will notice that the budget format in this year's Town report is new. In an effort to make the budget easier to read and understand, the format has been changed to the suggested form MS-7 format provided by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue. Notes have been added to the bottom of each page to highlight significant variances. Additional information relative to the budget is available in the Selectmen's office.

Tax Impact

'05 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE		$6.36
TAX RATE IMPACT '06-'07 Recommended Proposed Budget	$4.35	
TAX RATE IMPACT --'06-'07 Recommended Warrant Articles	$1.45	
TAX RATE IMPACT--Non- Recommended Warrant Articles	$0.47	
TOTAL IMPACT- BUDGET AND ALL WARRANT ARTICLES		$6.27

The tax impact calculated above is based on the Town's net valuation as approved by New Hampshire Department of Revenue on September 1, 2005. The new net valuation used to calculate this year's tax rate will not be available until the fall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Lamphere, Chairman

Richard Bellemore

Colin Costine

Thomas LaPorte

Mike Weider, ex-officio, Board of Selectmen

Margaret Voss, Vice Chairman

Jack Cannon

Andrew Hadik

Matthew Stover, ex-officio, School Board

2006 Proposed Warrant & Budget

State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester, New Hampshire in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Chester Municipal Offices in said Chester on Tuesday, the ninth (9th) of May next, at 10:00am to act on Articles A - #7. The polls will close at 7:00pm. After the ballots are counted, the meeting is adjourned until Wednesday, May tenth (10th) at 7:00pm in the Chester Multipurpose Room. Article #8 through Article # 36 will be taken up at that time.

Article A: To choose the necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year.

Article #1: Are you in favor of reducing the Board of Selectmen to a three (3)-member board in 2007, by electing all new members as follows:

1 member for a three (3) year term

1 member for a two (2) year term

1 member for a one (1) year term

(Petitioned Article)

Article #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # __1_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To consolidate and improve the existing cluster zoning Article 6 and 7.

These improvements include reducing the number of dwelling units allowed, changes to the requirements for defining and preserving high quality open space and changes to buffer requirements while allowing for more flexible implementation of the Article. Another change is to replace "low and very low income" housing as the basis for the incentive system with "affordable" housing. Development under this Article will continue to be voluntary.

Amend: By deleting in their entirety Article 6 – Cluster Development and Article 7 – Incentive System for Low-Moderate Income Cluster Housing and replace with the new Article 6 – Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To add terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: By adding terms to Article 2 – Definitions that are related to Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To accommodate terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: Change certain terms in Section 5.3.2 Permitted Uses to accommodate terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To accommodate changes relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: Table 1 by changing and/or deleting certain terms, distances, area or Article

Article #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # __2_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: This amendment adds definitions and buffers/setbacks that bring the ordinance up to current standards and is intended to help reduce the adverse effects of human activities on wetlands and surface water.

Amend: Section 5.6 Wetland District Ordinance by adding 5.6.2 Definitions and 5.6.8 Buffers/Setbacks and Mitigation Measures.

Article #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # __3_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To reference already existing Table 2 into appropriate Article within the zoning ordinance.

Amend: Section 5.7 Wetland Conservation District by inserting reference to Table 2 Setback, No Cut and No Clearing Zone as Subsection 5.7.9 and renumber subsequent section.

Article #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # _4_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: Bring the existing Flood Plain Conservation District Section of the zoning ordinance into compliance with Federal Emergency Management standards so that affected residents may be eligible for federal flood insurance protection.

Amend: Amend Section 5.6 Flood Plain Conservation District (Zone FP).

Article #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # _5_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Building Code as follows?

Purpose: To require the installation of sprinkler fire suppression systems in all new single family dwellings.

Amend: Section 3.5.5 Sprinkler Systems to include single-family dwellings.

Article #7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # _6_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Amend: Amendments are proposed throughout the ordinance to correct typo errors, update statutory references and change the numbering and cross referencing of sections as required by other amendments.

Article #8: To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees of Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article #9: Recreation Bond

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($300,000 gross budget) for the purpose of the development of athletic fields at Wason Pond Conservation Area, located on Raymond Road, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $300,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and

determine the interest rate thereon; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any grants for this purpose and to take any other action relative thereto.

This article requires a 2/3-ballot vote in order to pass.

(Selectmen Recommend 3 - 2)

(Budget Committee does not Recommend 4 - 5)

Article #10: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million and Thirty Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Seven Dollars, ($3,032,207.00) for the support of Town government for the payment of salaries and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

(Selectmen Recommend 4 - 0)

(Budget Committee Recommend 9 - 0)

	Budget Committee Recommend $	**Selectmen Recommend $**
4100 – General Government	776,522.00	776,522.00
4200 – Public Safety	686,744.00	686,744.00
4300 – Highway, Streets, Bridges and Sanitation	474,480.00	474,480.00
4400 – Health & Welfare	35,113.00	35,113.00
4500 – Culture & Recreation	184,845.00	184,845.00
4600 – Conservation & Economic Development	10,832.00	10,832.00
4700 – Debt Service	863,671.00	863,671.00
4900 – Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00
Total Appropriation	3,032,207.00	3,032,207.00

Article #11: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35: 1 for the purpose of maintaining and improving Wason Pond Recreation Area and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars, ($85,000) to be placed in this fund with this sum to come from the fund balance (surplus) created in part by the unexpended funds previously appropriated for this purpose and no amount to be raised from taxation; and further, to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund.

(Tax Impact 0.285 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend 4 - 1) (Budget Committee Recommend 9 – 0)

Article #12: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintaining and improving the municipal complex and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars, ($27,000) to be placed in this fund, and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund.

(Tax Impact 0.091 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend 5 - 0)

(Budget Committee does not Recommend 2 – 6– 1)

Footnote:(The Town has estimated the following maintenance and replacement costs in the municipal complex: Municipal Complex Furnace - Eighteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Five Dollars, ($18,785), Multipurpose Room Floor - Fifty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifteen Dollars, ($57,215), Multipurpose Room Furnace - Fifty-Nine Thousand Dollars, ($59,000.

Article #13: To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31: 19-a, to be known as the Mosquito Abatement Fund, for the purpose of controlling mosquitoes that carry mosquito-borne viruses including Triple E and West Nile Virus and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000) to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund.

(Tax Impact 0.067 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend 5 - 0)

(Budget Committee Recommend 6 – 1 - 1)

Article #14: Shall the Town of Chester modify the Elderly property tax exemption amounts pursuant to RSA 72:39-a, in the Town of Chester because of the increased assessment / re-evaluation that is being completed for the 2006 tax year?

The Elderly Exemptions, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, shall be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $110,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $140,000; for a person of 80 years of age or older, $170,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such a person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $30,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than $60,000 and own net assets not in excess of $300,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 4 – 0 - 1)

(Budget Committee Recommend 9 – 0)

Footnote: If passed, this article will be retroactively in effect from April 1st, 2006.

Article # 15: Shall the Town of Chester modify the property tax exemption for disabled on residential real estate pursuant to RSA 72:37-b, to address significant increases in property value due to the assessment / re-evaluation that is being completed for the 2006 tax year by exempting each year on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, $110,000?

To qualify, the disabled person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if married the resident and resident's spouse must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. The property must also be occupied as the principal place of abode of the disabled person. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of less than $30,000 if single, or if married, a combined net income of less than $60,000 and own net assets not in excess of $300,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 4 – 0 -1)

(Budget Committee Recommend 9 – 0)

If passed, this article will be retroactively in effect from April 1st, 2006.

Article # 16: Shall the Town of Chester modify the exemption amount for the Blind on residential real estate pursuant to RSA 72: 37 to address significant increases in property value due to the assessment / re-evaluation update that is being completed for 2006 tax year by exempting each year on the assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, $30,000?

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 5 - 0)

(Budget Committee Recommend 9 – 0)

If passed, this article will be retroactively in effect from April 1st, 2006.

Article #17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars, ($88,000) for asphalting, shimming and applying the finish coat of East Derry Road, Hanson Road and Wells Village Road.

(Tax impact 0.29 cents)

(Selectmen do not Recommend 0 – 3 - 2)

(Budget Committee does not Recommend 0 – 9)

Article # 18: To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Winter Road Maintenance Fund for the purpose of plowing, salting, sanding and general winter road maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars, ($85,000) to be placed in this fund, this sum to come from fund balance (surplus) which is created in part by the unused highway budget for the fiscal year 2005 – 2006, (with no amount to come from taxation), and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend these funds.

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 4 -1)

(Budget Committee Recommend 9 – 0)

Article # 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000) to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001 for the repair of Fremont Road Bridge.

(Tax Impact 0.067cents)

(Selectmen Recommend 5 - 0)

(Budget Committee Recommend 9 – 0)

Footnote: It is estimated that if this project is undertaken in 2007 then an additional Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000) will be required to pay for the Town's share of this project.

Article #20: To see if the Town will vote to support the hiring of two (2) part-time Maintenance staff with total hours for both employees not to exceed fifty (50) hours / week. The total number of hours per employee are not to exceed 30 hours / week.

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 4 – 1)

Article #21: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Dollars ($19,000) for the purpose of purchasing equipment that the Town would otherwise rent.

Includes equipment purchases of Eleven Thousand Dollars, ($11,000) for lawn mowing equipment, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, ($2,500) for a trailer, Five Thousand Dollars, ($5,000) for miscellaneous equipment and Five Hundred Dollars, ($500) for support equipment.

(Tax Impact 0.064 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend 5 - 0) (Budget Committee Recommend 6 – 3)

Article #22: To see if the voters will vote to change from an elected Highway Agent to an appointed Highway Agent effective upon expiration of the current Highway Agent term, May 2007. This appointment shall be for a term of two (2) years. (Petitioned Article)

(No Tax Impact)

Article #23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000) to build an equipment / materials garage at the Transfer Station.

(Tax Impact 0.067 cents)

(Selectmen Recommend 4 - 1)

(Budget Committee does not Recommend 2 – 6 – 1)

Article # 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing an automatic starting emergency generator capable of powering the entire fire station /EOC. Ninety five percent (95%) of these funds, Thirty Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($33,250) will be from Fire Grant funding, and five percent (5%) of these funds, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($1,750) will be from Town funds from off-site improvement funds collected by the Town and not by taxation. Failure to be awarded the Fire Grant will cancel this article.

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 5 - 0)

(Budget Committee Recommend 9 – 0)

Article #25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six Dollars ($54,866) to support the hiring of one (1) additional full-time Fire Fighter / EMT. Ninety percent (90%) of these funds the first year, eighty percent (80%) for the second year, fifty percent (50%) of these funds the third year and thirty percent (30%) the fourth year will be paid from the Safer Fire Grant Funding. Failure to be awarded the Fire Grant will cancel this article.

(Tax Impact 0.018cents)

(Selectmen Recommend 4 - 1)

(Budget Committee Recommend 9 – 0)

Article #26: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) for the purpose of completing the first phase of the upstairs of the Fire Station, and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw that amount from the Chester Fire Department Capital Reserve account established in 1991.

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 4 - 1)

(Budget Committee Recommend 9 – 0)

Article #27: Shall the Town vote under the provisions of RSA 154:24 to authorize the fire department to go to the aid of another city, town, village or fire district within or without the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance or performing any details as requested. This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by the vote of the Town Meeting. (Majority vote required.)

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 5 – 0)

Article #28: To see if the Town will transition the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area Advisory Committee to an independent commission to oversee the preservation and management of the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area in accordance with the Wason Pond Master Plan, and to make budgetary recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The Commission will have seven (7) voting members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and will consist of two (2) Conservation Commission representatives, two (2) Recreation Committee representatives, one (1) Board of Selectmen representative, two (2) At-Large representatives, two (2) alternates, and non-voting member(s) as needed. The new Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission would become effective on July 1, 2007.

(No Tax Impact) (Selectmen Recommend 3 - 2)

Article #29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifteen Dollars, ($57,215) for one (1) additional full-time Police Officer including benefits to cover the shift from 12pm – 8am.

(Tax Impact 0.192 cents)

(Selectmen do not Recommend 1 –2 -2)

(Budget Committee Recommend 4 –2 -2)

Article # 30: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand, Eight-Hundred and Sixty-Five Dollars, ($5,865) for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television in the Town of Chester. These funds will be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund established as the "PACT" Fund (Warrant Article # 29, May 14 2003), separate to the General Fund.

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 4 - 1)

(Budget Committee Recommend 9 - 0)

Article #31: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the new provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing new police vehicles and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, ($5,000) to be placed in this fund and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund.

(Tax Impact 0.016cents)

(Selectmen do not Recommend 2 - 3)

(Budget Committee do not Recommend 0 – 9)

Article #32: To see if the Town will vote to approve municipal membership in Group I of the NH Retirement System. The Town is currently participating in this program. This State of New Hampshire Section 218 agreement to be effective April 1st, 2006.

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 4 – 0 - 1)

Article #33: To see if the Town will vote to provide Room 20 in the Town Municipal Complex for the use of the Chester School Administrative Unit (SAU) beginning July 1st, 2006, in return for a payment of One Dollar, ($1.00) per year for the lesser of five (5) years or until such time as the SAU no longer desires to use Room 20; to require the Board of Selectmen to cooperate with the SAU to enable the SAU to occupy Room 20 by July, 1st 2006, including requiring the Board of Selectmen: to remove all Town records, property and equipment from Room 20 by no later than May 22nd, 2006; and to permit the SAU to renovate Room 20 to meet the requirements of the SAU beginning no later than May 29th, 2006; to require the Board of Selectmen to allow the SAU to use the Town Municipal Office's bathrooms; and to require the Board of Selectmen to allow the SAU to use the Board of Selectmen's public meeting room at any time when the public meeting room is not being used by the Selectmen or another Town department or Board for a public meeting. (Petitioned Article)

Article #34: Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 31: 95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town Meeting. (Majority vote required.)

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 5 – 0)

Article #35: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts for public purposes pursuant to RSA 31:95-e, with said authorization to remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the Town.

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 5 – 0)

Article #36: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

(No Tax Impact)

(Selectmen Recommend 5 – 0)

CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Geoffrey Barnett, Chair

Mike Weider, Vice-Chair

Jerome Gesel

Stephen O. Landau

Leroy Scott

Date: April 14th, 2006

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Board / Department	Approved 04 - 05	Actual 04 - 05	Approved 05 - 06	Actual Yr-to-Date* 05 - 06	Selectmen's Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Budget Comm. Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Notes
4130-1	Executive Offices	56,288	28,783	42,608	30,825	34,478	34,478	
4130-2	Administration	75,323	77,574	69,868	63,866	72,599	72,599	
4140-1	Town Clerk	51,138	44,924	49,943	34,267	53,947	53,947	
4140-2	Election and Registration	8,104	11,525	12,994	5,947	12,003	12,003	
4150-1	Financial Administration	50,801	30,612	62,161	51,232	93,871	93,871	1
4150-4	Taxation	48,302	39,422	48,068	29,499	49,259	49,259	
4150-5	Treasurer	4,205	3,927	4,055	2,845	3,940	3,940	
4152	Valuation of Property	96,416	90,849	153,886	84,646	99,365	99,365	
4153	Legal	65,000	98,886	65,000	106,564	65,000	65,000	
4191	Planning Board	59,009	52,132	55,457	38,165	66,663	66,663	2
4193	Zoning Board of Adjustment	8,630	10,755	10,550	8,235	13,437	13,437	3
4194-1	General Gov't Buildings	134,830	148,854	90,469	85,217	124,446	124,446	4
4194-2	Stevens Hall	600	1,488	6,650	6,225	22,750	22,750	5
4195	Cemeteries	20,361	24,659	20,803	19,531	21,082	21,082	
4196	Ins Not Allot Ins Bond	29,615	27,760	29,615	25,355	37,612	37,612	
4197	Ad & Regional Association	5,745	5,732	6,027	5,903	6,070	6,070	
	TOTAL	**$714,367**	**$697,882**	**$728,154**	**$598,322**	**$776,522**	**$776,522**	

NOTES:

* Actual year-to-date as of 3/31/06, which is 75% of the current fiscal year.

1. Bookkeeper's salary now entirely within this budget. Also new line added for $5,000 for internal auditing and $1295 for Budget Committee.

2. Last year's budget for this board did not include the $9,000 for recording secretary which was included under Executive Offices. The revised amount for the recording secretary is now included in this board's budget.

3. Last year's budget for this board did not include the $3,000 for recording secretary which was included under Executive Offices. The revised amount for the recording secretary is now included in this board's budget.

4. Renovations include Town Hall well, chimney and bathrooms at rear etc.

5. Stevens Hall renovations include replacing missing slate roof shingles, gutters, insulate attic etc.

General: FICA lines throughout the budget have been increased by 6.2% for Group I Employees due to a change in policy.

PUBLIC SAFETY

	Board / Department	Approved 04 - 05	Actual 04 - 05	Approved 05 - 06	Actual Yr-to-Date* 05 - 06	Selectmen's Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Budget Comm. Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Notes
4210	Police Department	315,865	332,245	347,345	233,265	356,390	356,390	
4215	Ambulance	30,000	31,250	32,000	31,000	32,000	32,000	
4220	Fire Department	152,076	144,651	174,053	119,267	203,547	203,547	
4221	Forest Fires	3,617	3,375	117	21	4,117	4,117	
4240	Building Inspection	91,002	79,598	81,458	58,439	85,590	85,590	
4290	Emergency Management	1,000	1,008	1,000	0	100	100	
4299	Other Public Safety	5,300	5,301	5,300	5,000	5,000	5,000	
	TOTAL	**$598,860**	**$597,428**	**$641,273**	**$446,992**	**$686,744**	**$686,744**	

NOTES:

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HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES, & SANITATION

	Board / Department	Approved 04 - 05	Actual 04 - 05	Approved 05 - 06	Actual Yr-to-Date* 05 - 06	Selectmen's Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Budget Comm. Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Notes
4312	Highway & Streets	454,561	502,283	368,910	248,810	290,607	290,607	1
4316	Street Lighting	2,400	3,316	2,400	2,410	2,760	2,760	
4324	Transfer Station	161,785	157,893	157,821	115,271	159,763	159,763	
4325	Secured Landfill	21,030	11,913	20,550	12,877	21,350	21,350	
	TOTAL	**$639,776**	**$675,406**	**$549,681**	**$379,368**	**$474,480**	**$474,480**	

NOTES:

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1. Total funds available for Highway & Streets.is $463,607. (see breakdown below).

Highway & Streets Operating Budget	290,607
Snowplowing Captial Reserve Fund Warrant Article	85,000
Asphalt Paving Warrant Article	88,000
Total if both other warrant articles pass	**$463,607**

HEALTH & WELFARE

	Board / Department	Approved 04 - 05	Actual 04 - 05	Approved 05 - 06	Actual Yr-to-Date* 05 - 06	Selectmen's Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Budget Comm. Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Notes
4414	Animal Control	2,806	620	1,806	229	1,050	1,050	
4419	Other Health	19,470	19,470	17,560	17,560	18,860	18,860	1
4442	Welfare-Direct Assistance	10,950	5,630	10,950	1,927	11,600	11,600	
4444	Welfare-Intergov't. Payments	3,603	3,603	3,603	3,603	3,603	3,603	
	TOTAL	**$36,829**	**$29,323**	**$33,919**	**$23,319**	**$35,113**	**$35,113**	

CULTURE & RECREATION

	Board / Department	Approved 04 - 05	Actual 04 - 05	Approved 05 - 06	4,368 592 05 - 06	Selectmen's Appropriations 06 - 07	Budget Comm. Appropriations 06 - 07	Notes
4520	Parks & Recreation	112,069	67,899	92,066	51,674	57,771	57,771	
4530	W.P. Community Center	13,540		17,250	5,153	9,650	9,650	
4535	W.P. Caretakers Cottage	8,360		7,360	4,368	7,454	7,454	
4540	W.P. Bath House etc.	1,360		1,360	592	1,360	1,360	
4550	Chester Public Library	96,700	96,700	94,500	94,500	97,600	97,600	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	150	0	150	150	150	150	
4584	Historical Society	350	452	350	276	250	250	
4585	Public Access Television	0	0	1,345	248	1,610	1,610	
4586	Chester Senior Citizens	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
4587	Town Fair Fireworks	6,750	6,960	6,569	6,569	6,500	6,500	
	TOTAL	**$241,779**	**$174,511**	**$223,450**	**$166,030**	**$184,845**	**$184,845**	

NOTES:

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1. $1,300 budget line added to participate in the Greater Derry-Salem Regional Transit Coordination Initiative.

CONSERVATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

	Board / Department	Approved 04 - 05	Actual 04 - 05	Approved 05 - 06	Yr-to-Date* 05 - 06	Selectmen's Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Budget Comm. Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Notes
4610	Spring Hill Farm	2,500	406	1	179	0	0	
4619	Conservation Commission	10,490	10,490	13,523	2,219	10,832	10,832	
	TOTAL	**$12,990**	**$10,896**	**$13,524**	**$2,398**	**$10,832**	**$10,832**	
	Budget Subtotal Before Debt	**$2,244,600**	**$2,185,447**	**$2,190,001**	**$1,616,429**	**$2,168,536**	**$2,168,536**	

NOTES:

* Actual year-to-date as of 3/31/06, which is 75% of the current fiscal year.

DEBT SERVICE

	Board / Department	Approved 04 - 05	Actual 04 - 05	Approved 05 - 06	Actual Yr-to-Date* 05 - 06	Selectmen's Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Budget Comm. Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Notes
4711	Principal -Long Term Notes	471,357	471,357	686,069	386,068	706,245	706,245	
4721	Bond Interest	131,688	163,503	176,063	106,448	157,426	157,426	
4723	Debt Interest - TANs	4,000	5,250	4,000	0	0	0	
	TOTAL	**$607,046**	**$640,110**	**$866,132**	**$492,516**	**$863,671**	**$863,671**	
	Budget Subtotal Including Debt	**$2,851,646**	**$2,825,557**	**$3,056,133**	**$2,108,945**	**$3,032,207**	**$3,032,207**	

NOTES:

* Actual year-to-date as of 3/31/06, which is 75% of the current fiscal year.

REVENUES

Board / Department	Approved 04 - 05	Actual 04 - 05	Approved 05 - 06	Actual Yr-to-Date* 05 - 06	Selectmen's Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07	Budget Comm. Recommended Appropriations 06 - 07
Revenue From Taxes						
Total Revenue From Taxes	**40,900**	**57,494**	**39,800**	**50,756**	**60,500**	**60,500**
Licenses, Permits, and Fees						
Total Licenses, Permits, And Fees	**869,670**	**762,067**	**906,620**	**657,837**	**853,491**	**853,491**
FED Funds Via State						
Fed Funds Via State	94,810	22,795	22,780	74,307	43,972	43,972
Total Other Financing Sources	**451,531**	**463,602**	**529,420**	**456,555**	**821,979**	**821,979**
Total General Fund	**1,362,101**	**1,283,163**	**1,475,840**	**1,165,148**	**1,735,970**	**1,735,970**

NOTES:

* Actual year-to-date as of 3/31/06, which is 75% of the current fiscal year.

Budget Worksheet Revenue
Report Sequence: Fund or Acct Group
Accounts: First thru Last
General Fund 2006/2007

Account Number	Account Description	Actual Revenues 04 - 05	BMSI Revenues 05 - 06	Warrant Revenues 05 - 06	As of 3/31/06 Year to Date Revenues 05 - 06	Budgeted Revenues 06 - 07
Revenue From Taxes						
Property Tax Revenue						
01-3110-1-001	Prop Tax Revenue Current year	0	0	0	0	0
01-3110-1-002	Prop Tax Revenue-Prior Year	0	0	0	0	0
01-3110-1-003	Prop Tax Overpayments	0	0	0	0	0
01-3110-1-004	Overlay	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0
Land Use Change Tax						
01-3120-1-001	CU Taxes-Current Year	0	0	0	0	0
01-3120-2-001	CU - Taxes Previous Year	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	0	0	0	0	0
Yield Taxes						
01-3185-1-001	Yield Taxes Current year	1,987	1,987	3,800	7,602	8,000
01-3185-2-001	Yield Taxes Prior year	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL YIELD TAXES	1,987	1,987	3,800	7,602	8,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes						
01-3186-1-001	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	0	0	0	0	0
Excavation Tax						
01-3187-2-016	05 Excavation Tax	840	0	0	0	0
01-3187-2-017(new acct)	06 Excavation Tax	0	1,440	0	0	500
	TOTAL EXCAVATION TAX	840	1,440	0	0	500

Penalties and Interest						
01-3190-1-001	99 Property Tax Interest	0	0	0	346	0
01-3190-1-006	04 Property Tax Interest	26,805	0	20,000	6,797	0
01-3190-1-007	05 Property Tax Interest	0	59,693	0	28,852	0
01-3190-1-008 (new account line)	06 Property Tax Interest	0	0	0	0	52,000
01-3190-1-100	Tax Sale Interest & Costs	2,014	0	0	385	0
01-3190-1-101	Sale of Town Property	0	0	0	1,000	0
01-3190-2-001	Penalties on Resident Tax	0	0	0	0	0
01-3190-3-001	Interest on Land Use Change Tax	321	0	6,000	0	0
01-3190-3-006	05 Current Use Interest	0	0	0	3	0
01-3190-4-001	Interest on Late Yield Tax	2,886	0	0	72	0
01-3190-6-000	Tax Lien Interest	1,679	0	0	0	0
01-3190-6-005	02 Tax Lien Interest	15,124	0	0	0	0
01-3190-6-006	03 Tax Lien Interest	5,772	0	0	3,480	0
01-3190-6-007	04 Tax Lien Interest	66	0	10,000	2,215	0
01-3190-9-999	TX Miscellaneous Revenue	0	0	0	2	0
	TOTAL PENALTIES AND INTEREST	**54,667**	**59,693**	**36,000**	**43,154**	**52,000**
	TOTAL REVENUE FROM TAXES	**57,494**	**63,120**	**39,800**	**50,756**	**60,500**
Licenses, Permits, and Fees						
Business Licenses and Permits						
01-3210-1-001	Business Licenses	0	0	0	0	0
01-3210-2-001	Buisness Permits	0	0	0	0	0
01-3210-3-001	Business Filing Fees	0	0	0	0	0
01-3210-4-001	TX UCC Filings & Certificates	1,015	1,090	1,000	855	1,100
	TOTAL BUSINESS LICENSES AND PERMITS	**1,015**	**1,090**	**1,000**	**855**	**1,100**
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees						
01-3220-1-001	MV-Permits Decals	953	0	0	0	0
01-3220-2-001	MV-TC Permits	719,491	871,951	850,000	615,880	767,250
01-3220-2-002	Compass	0	0	0	11,467	17,200
01-3220-3-001	MV-Registration Fee	0	0	0	0	0
01-3220-4-001	MV Title Fees	55	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL MV PERMIT FEES	**720,499**	**871,951**	**850,000**	**627,346**	**784,450**

Heating Permits						
01-3228-1-001	FD Heating Permits	0	0	0	400	1,800
	TOTAL HEATING PERMITS	**0**	**0**	**0**	**400**	**1,800**
Building Permits						
01-3230-1-001	BI Building Permits-Building	30,828	43,232	45,000	24,129	54,210
01-3230-1-002	BI Electrical Permits	1,111	490	500	525	820
01-3230-1-003	BI Septic Permits	1,140	970	1,000	1,110	1,400
01-3230-1-004	BI Plumbing & Heating Permits	50	200	200	450	200
01-3230-5-001	BI Driveway Permits	2,925	3,005	3,120	575	3,666
01-3230-5-002	BI In/Out House Numbering	0	0	0	25	0
01-3230-6-001	BI Masonry	0	200	200	0	244
01-3230-7-001	BI Home Occupation	240	0	0	150	146
01-3230-9-001	BI Building Permits-Misc.	485	980	1,000	125	100
01-3230-9-002	BI Copy Revenue	164	60	60	1	60
01-3230-9-003	BI Bldg Code Publications	92	40	40	0	0
01-3230-9-004	BI Demo Permit	0	0	0	0	0
01-3230-9-005	BI Mechanical Permit	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS	**37,036**	**49,177**	**51,120**	**27,090**	**60,846**
Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees						
01-3290-1-001	TC Dog Licenses	2,571	3,608	3,500	631	3,400
01-3290-2-001	Dog License Fines	0	0	0	0	0
01-3290-3-001	Marriage Licenses	360	308	200	180	270
01-3290-4-001	Marriage Licenses Fees	0	0	0	0	0
01-3290-5-001	Certificates - Birth and Death	236	408	300	540	708
01-3290-6-001	TC Parking Violations	0	0	0	0	0
01-3290-7-001	Pistol Permits	350	608	500	340	435
01-3290-8-001	TC Miscellaneous Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
01-3290-9-001	Other Licenses & Permits	0	0	0	455	482
	TOTAL OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEE	**3,517**	**4,930**	**4,500**	**2,146**	**5,295**
	TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES	**762,067**	**927,148**	**906,620**	**657,837**	**853,491**

Federal Funds Via State						
01-3311-9-001	Funds passed through the State	0	0	0	2,784	0
01-3311-9-002	Fed Mitagation Via State	0	0	0	0	0
01-3319-1-001	Fed. Govt. - Cops Grant	0	0	0	0	0
01-3319-1-002	US Treasury Reimb. - FICA	15	0	0	0	0
01-3319-1-003	Highway Safety Grant	0	0	0	0	0
01-3319-1-004	FED - Fema Funds	0	0	0	37,887	0
01-3319-1-600	Dolloff Farm dev. Rights	0	0	0	0	0
01-3319-1-700	FD Fire Grant 04	0	0	0	4,855	0
01-3319-1-900	PD Police Grant	0	0	0	6,000	0
01-3350-1-001	Shared Revenue Block Grant	22,780	22,780	22,780	22,780	43,972
01-3350-2-001	State of NH-Forest Fire Reim.	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL FED FUNDS VIA STATE	**22,795**	**22,780**	**22,780**	**74,307**	**43,972**
Revenue From State of NH						
01-3353-1-001	NH Highway Block Grant	106,247	106,247	115,000	84,766	105,000
01-3359-1-001	State Room and Meals Tax	148,304	148,304	148,304	164,300	175,000
01-3359-1-002	NH 20% TS/LF Grant	13,867	13,867	13,741	13,997	14,130
01-3359-1-003	State of NH - FF Training	0	0	0	0	0
01-3359-1-004	Record Preservation Grant	0	0	0	0	0
01-3359-9-001	Other Revenue From State	0	0	33,250	0	0
	TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE OF NH	**268,418**	**268,418**	**310,295**	**263,063**	**294,130**
Local Government Reimbursements						
01-3379-1-001	Natural Resourse Code Planner	0	0	0	0	0
01-3379-3-001	Hazardous Wasate Day Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL LOCAL GOVT. REIMBURSEMENTS	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Revenue From Charges For Services

01-3401-1-001	Income From Departments	0	46,096	0	2,731	4,094
01-3401-1-002	Insurance Report Fees	920	1,000	1,000	1,291	1,866
01-3401-1-003	Police-Special Duty Fees	13,431	2,000	2,000	0	0
01-3401-1-004	State Witness Fees	1,622	2,000	2,000	997	1,496
01-3401-1-005	Kennel Fees	0	0	0	0	0
01-3401-2-001	PB Copies	73	700	700	0	450
01-3401-2-002	PB Application	25,985	12,800	12,800	10,624	16,000
01-3401-2-003	PB Offsite Fees	0	0	0	0	0
01-3401-3-001	ZB Fees	1,563	2,000	2,000	2,429	2,893
01-3401-3-002	PB Zoning Ordinance	1,055	400	400	120	400
01-3401-4-001	Landfill fees Received	0	0	0	0	0
01-3401-4-002	LF Appliance Fees	387	500	500	391	900
01-3401-4-003	LF Tire Fees	271	300	300	163	300
01-3401-4-004	RR Recycling Aluminum	2,910	250	2,500	2,988	3,000
01-3401-4-005	RR Recycling Glass/Metal	695	1,200	1,200	1,531	1,500
01-3401-4-006	RR Recycling Paper/Magazine	2,272	1,000	1,000	1,881	1,650
01-3401-4-007	RR Misc. Recycling Revenue	143	0	0	110	0
01-3401-4-008	RR Propane Tanks	68	0	0	123	0
01-3401-4-008	TS Computers	1,229	800	800	1,065	1,200
01-3401-5-001	Recreation Dep. Income	0	0	0	0	12,500
01-3401-6-001	Construction Debries Fees	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL REVENUE - CHARGES FOR SERVICES	**52,624**	**71,046**	**27,200**	**26,443**	**48,249**

Revenue From Miscellaneous Services

01-3503-1-001	Rents From Short-Term Use	0	0	0	0	0
01-3503-1-002	Rentals From Long-Term Use-Tower	4,400	13,200	13,200	8,800	13,200
01-3503-2-001	EX Rental - Post Office	9,605	13,560	13,560	10,170	13,560
01-3503-3-001	EX Rental - Kitchen	1,458	1,500	900	1,685	2,320
01-3503-4-001	EX Rental - Wason Pond	5,000	6,000	6,000	4,050	6,000
01-3504-1-001	Court Fines	948	1,980	1,000	1,458	2,000
01-3504-4-001	Health Insurance Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	18,957
01-3506-6-001	INS Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0
01-3508-2-001	Gift from Nonpublic sources	0	0	0	0	0
01-3508-9-001	EX Returned check fee	0	0	0	450	450
01-3509-1-001	Miscellaneous Revenue-Other	1,551	14,000	1,000	6,609	9,880
01-3509-1-002	Interest on Investments	31,502	47,685	25,000	42,853	60,207
01-3509-1-003	EX Copy Revenue	656	1,500	0	451	665
01-3509-1-004	EL Voter Checklist Printout	76	100	0	25	100
01-3509-1-005	CEM Investment Income	1,689	1,000	1,000	1,212	1,000
01-3509-1-006	PD Vandelism Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0
01-3509-1-007	Welfare Lien	0	0	0	0	0
01-3509-1-008	Junk Yard Permits	50	100	0	-25	0
01-3509-1-009	TA Vending Machine	0	0	0	750	1,300
01-3509-2-001	Current Use Application Fees	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL REVENUE FROM MISC. SERVICES	**56,934**	**100,625**	**61,660**	**78,487**	**129,639**

Other Financing Sources						
01-3912-1-001	Library Reimbursements	54,472	0	73,000	0	0
01-3912-1-002	SS Silver Sands Land Purchase	0	0	0	0	0
01-3912-1-003	PACT Public Access Television	8,359	8,359	5,485	655	5,865
01-3915-1-001	Cap. Res Police Cruiser	0	0	29,000	0	0
01-3915-1-002	CAP Candia Road	0	0	0	0	0
01-3915-2-001	Cap. Res. Reval	0	0	0	0	0
01-3915-2-002	Cap. Res. Fire Truck	0	0	0	0	0
01-3916-1-001	Interfund Transfers - Trust	0	0	0	13,599	0
01-3915-2-003(new acct)	Snowplowing Surplus Transfer to Cap Res Fund	0	0	0	0	85,000
01-3915-2-004(new acct)	WP Athletic Fields Transfer to Cap Res Fund	0	0	0	0	85,000
01-3915-2-005(new acct)	Fire Station Upstairs Renovation from Cap Res	0	0	0	0	50,000
01-3915-2-006(new acct)	F.T. Fire Fighter Grant 90%	0	0	0	0	49,379
01-3915-2-007(new acct)	Fire Dept. Generator Grant	0	0	0	0	33,250
01-3915-2-008(new acct)	Offsite Improvement Fees for FD Generator	0	0	0	0	1,750
	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**62,831**	**8,359**	**107,485**	**14,255**	**310,244**
Proceeds From Bonds						
01-3943-3-003	35 Raymond Road	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL PROCEEDS FROM BONDS	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**1,283,164**	**1,461,496**	**1,475,840**	**1,165,147**	**1,740,225**

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BUDGET OF THE TOWN
WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: The Town of Chester

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, _____ to December 31, _____

or Fiscal Year From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): April 25, 2006

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Please sign in ink.

Rhonda L. Hawthorne, Chairman
Andrew J. Hadik
Margaret J. Voss
John E. Cuner
Colin M. Costin

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		112476	94691	107077		107077	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		62937	40290	65950		65950	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		114284	54077	147070		147070	
4152	Revaluation of Property		153886	54823	99365		99365	
4153	Legal Expense		65000	77612	65000		65000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration							
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		66007	46400	80100		80100	
4194	General Government Buildings		97119	91442	147196		147196	
4195	Cemeteries		20803	19531	21082		21082	
4196	Insurance		29615	25355	37612		37612	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		6027	5903	6070		6070	
4199	Other General Government							
	PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		347345	233265	356390		356390	
4215-4219	Ambulance		32000	31000	32000		32000	
4220-4229	Fire		174170	119288	207664		207664	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		81458	58439	85590		85590	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		1000	0	100		100	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		5300	5000	5000		5000	
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	0	0		0	
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		0	0	0		0	
4312	Highways & Streets		368910	248810	290607		290607	
4313	Bridges		0	0	0		0	

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	HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4316	Street Lighting		2400	2410	2760		2760	
4319	Other		0	0	0		0	
	SANITATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		0	0	0		0	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		0	0	0		0	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		157821	115271	159763		159763	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		20550	12877	21350		21350	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		0	0	0		0	
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		0	0	0		0	
4332	Water Services		0	0	0		0	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other		0	0	0		0	
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		0	0	0		0	
4353	Purchase Costs		0	0	0		0	
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		0	0	0		0	
	Other Electric Costs		0	0	0		0	
	HEALTH/WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		0	0	0		0	
4414	Pest Control		1806	229	1050		1050	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		17560	17560	18860		18860	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		10950	17789	11600		11600	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		3603	3603	3603		3603	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		0	0	0		0	

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	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		118036	62787	76235		76235	
4550-4559	Library		94500	94500	97600		97600	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		150	592	150		150	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		10764	9593	10860		10860	
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		1	302	0		0	
4619	Other Conservation		13523	2219	10832		10832	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING		0	0	0		0	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		0	0	0		0	
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		686069	386068	706245		706245	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		176063	106448	157426		157426	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		4000	0	0		0	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	0	0		0	
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							

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OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			3056133	2038174	3032207	0	3032207	0

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount		Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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	Recreation Ballfields	1			300000			300000
	CIP-Wason Pond Rec. Area Maintainance	3			85000		85000	
	CIP-Cruiser	23				5000		5000
	CIP-Fremont Road Bridge	11			20000		20000	
	CIP-Municipal Complex Repairs	4			27000			27000
	Mesquito Spraying	5			20000		20000	
	Expend. Trust--Snow Plowing	10			85000		85000	
	Upstairs of Fire Station	18			50000		50000	
	Highway Dept--Asphalt	9				88000		88000
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	587000	XXXXXXXXX	260000	XXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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							3032207	
	PACT	22			5865		5865	
	Police Officer	21				57215	57215	
	Firefighter	17			54866		54866	
	Transfer Station--Building	15			20000			20000
	Equipment Purchase	13			19000		19000	
	Emergency Generator	16			35000		35000	
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	134731	XXXXXXXXX	171946	XXXXXXXXX

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		0	0	0
3180	Resident Taxes		0	0	0
3185	Timber Taxes		3800	7602	8000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		0	0	0
3189	Other Taxes		0	0	0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		36000	43154	52000
	Inventory Penalties		0	0	0
3187	Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu yd)		0	0	500
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		1000	855	1100
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		850000	627346	784450
3230	Building Permits		51120	27490	62646
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	16	4500	2146	7045
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		0	51526	0
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues (3350)		22780	22780	43972
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		0	0	0
3353	Highway Block Grant		115000	84766	105000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		0	0	0
3355	Housing & Community Development		0	0	0
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		0	0	0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		0	0	0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	16&17	195295	178297	271759
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	0
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		27200	26443	48249
3409	Other Charges		0	0	0
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		0	0	0
3502	Interest on Investments		0	0	0
3503-3509	Other		61660	78487	129639
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	22	78485	655	5865
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		0	0	0

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	18	29000	0	50000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		0	13599	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes	1			
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")	3&10			170000
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			1475840	1165146	1740225

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	3056133	3032207	3032207
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	xxxxxxxxx	587000	260000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	xxxxxxxxx	134731	171946
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	3056133	3753938	3464153
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1475840	1165146	1740225
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1580293	2588792	1723928

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 260,048.
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Masimum Increase)
(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

VERSION #1: Use if you have no Collective Bargaining Cost Items or RSA 32:21 Water Costs

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: CHESTER, NH FISCAL YEAR END: 2006 - 2007

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Comm. (See Posted Budget MS7, 27 or 37)	3,464,153
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	706,245
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	157,426
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b.	0 0
5. Mandatory Assessments	0
6. Total exclusions (Sum of rows 2-5)	863,671
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	2,600,482
8. Line 7 timex 10%	260,048
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriaitons (lins 1 + 8)	**3,724,201**

Line 8 is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget.
Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27 or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.

Important Contact Information & Opening Times

FIRE (Emergency) **911** FIRE (Non-Emergency & Permits) 887-3878 Permits are required for all open fires. FIRE (Out of Hours Cell Phone) 365-8180	**MEDICAL (Emergency)** **911** Poison (Emergency) 1 800-222-1222 Parkland Medical Center 432-1500 Rockingham Visiting Nurse Association 432-7776
POLICE (Emergency) **911** POLICE (24 hr Dispatch) 887-3229 POLICE (Non-Emergency) 887-2080	Recycling / Transfer Station Phone: 887-2401 Route 102, Chester, NH 03036 Saturdays 7:00am – 2:00pm Wednesday 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Library Phone: 887-3404 3 Chester Street, Chester, NH 03036 Monday & Wednesday 3:00pm – 8:00pm Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am – 8:00pm Friday 1:00pm – 5:00pm Saturday 10:00am – 12:00pm Closed Saturdays in June / July & August	Town Offices 84 Chester Street, Chester, NH 03036 Closed for State of New Hampshire Holidays Assessing Phone: 887-4045 Office Open: Monday through Friday 8:30am – 3:00pm
Building Inspector Phone: 887-5552 Office Open: Monday through Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm Field Inspections conducted after 12:00 noon	Board of Selectmen Phone: 887-4979 Meetings: Thursday Evenings (as posted) 7:00pm at Town Offices Office Open: Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm Closed Saturday & Sunday
Planning Board Phone: 887-5629 Meetings: 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at the Town Offices 7:30pm Office Open: Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm	Town Clerk & Tax Collector Phone: 887-3636 Office Open: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00am – 12:30pm; Tuesday 8:00am – 3:30pm Closed Saturday & Sunday
Zoning Board of Adjustment Phone: 887-4343 Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month at the Town Offices Office Open: Wednesday & Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm	**Town Report Prepared by** **Sarah E Scanlan**

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